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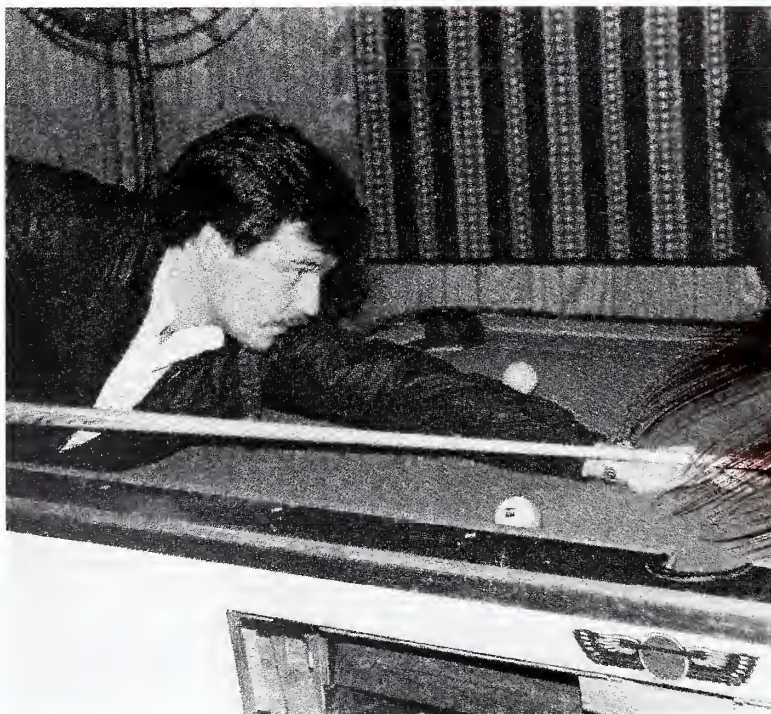
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*The University of North Carolina at Pembroke has a long history. This year we look at how far we have come as a school, with some glimpses of what it was like to be a student here in 1985, the starting point for the movie trilogy that gives our book its name ...*

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# *Back to the Future*

**T**his year we look back, just as you will be doing when you reopen this yearbook many years from now. Our title, *Back to the Future*, is taken from a cult classic movie trilogy whose first episode came out in 1985. The movie featured a time-travelling DeLorean sports car that took characters from 1985 into the future. The farthest forward in time they went to was October 21, 2015, part of the year presented in this book.

Older pictures will be used throughout this yearbook, mostly from the 1985 edition of the *Indianhead*, as a point of comparison to show not only how far we have come, but also what we still have in common with those earlier generations of students.







**2015: Online** Registration is now done on-line using computers, like the one Katelyn Stanley uses here. This makes everyone's life a lot easier, but students can still be frustrated when they find out the course they wanted to take has already been closed.



**1985: In Line** Dr. Tom Ross and other faculty members help students register for classes at the start of the semester back in 1985. In those days, registration had to be done on paper, in person, and students would wait in long lines for their chance to pick classes, if there were any seats remaining by the time they got to the front of the line.



**A**s it is now, so it was then. Students perform in a production of *Once Upon a Mattress* in 1985 (inset) and in a production of *Scapin* in February 2016.





**T**here is so much more to college than just attending classes. This section is dedicated to all those activities that gave us a break from studying and gave this campus a life of its own, from where we lived, through social and recreational experiences of all kinds, to major events like Relay for Life. These activities and events kept us entertained, broadened our horizons, and helped us develop lasting friendships and memories.

## *STUDENT LIFE*



# In Concert

Inflatables, food and music were just part of the action taking place before the Sean Kingston and Yung Joc concert attended by 556 people on April 24. Housing and Residence Life, Residence Hall Association and Student Leadership and Involvement hosted the block party that kicked off the spring concert; the party started at 5 p.m. and lasted until 8 p.m. Interactive Playgrounds provided the inflatables and the rock wall. "This is one of the best things UNCP has had in a while," said Melanie LeBeau, a psychology major. Caricatures, face painting and tie-dyeing were also available for people to do. Other activities were corn-hole, test your strength, a photo booth and wacky races on pogo sticks and miniature bikes. The Flavapalooza food truck was also present at the block party. "It's nice to have a break from classes and preparing for upcoming exams. I think it is wonderful to have students and peers come together without drama and have a good time," Sydney Powell said. DJ K-Smooth provided the music for the event.



Students are overjoyed to hear Sean Kingston and Yung Joc perform at UNCP.

Many students, like Kelsey Leigh and friend, volunteer to learn about the inner workings of concert production.



This student enjoys the climbing wall, one of many activities at the pre-concert block party.





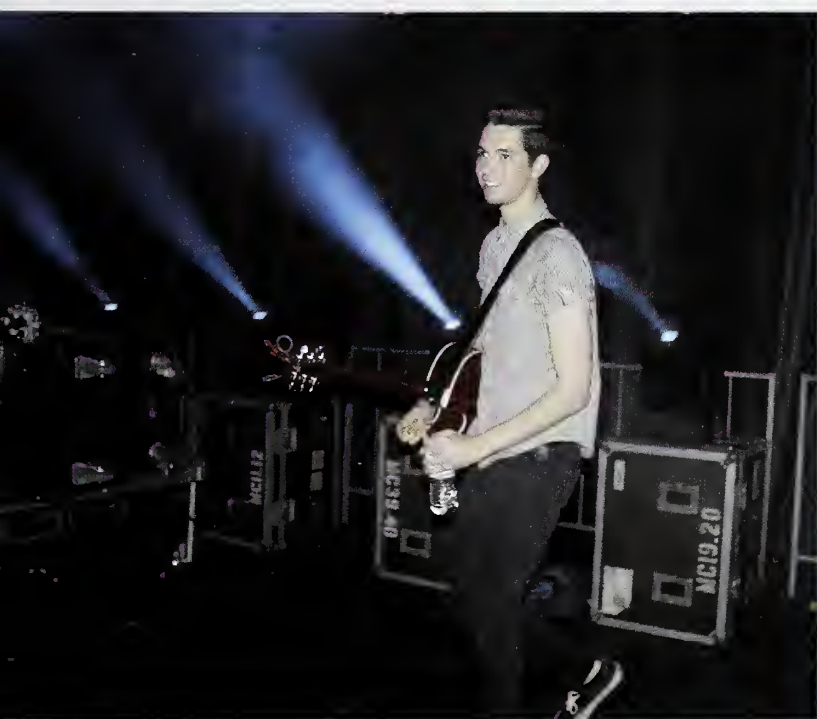


*Sean Kingston (center) enjoys the applause after a successful set.*

*Young Joc (left) performs his greatest hits to a crowd of cheering students*



*The students above are some of the 556 enthusiastic fans attending the concert on the UC Lawn.*



*Local performer Jeremy Parnell is the opening act at the concert. He earned the privilege after winning the campus talent show put on by ACE, now known as PAC.*



Students make multiple laps around the UC lawn, while others participate in the dunking booth, all to raise money for the cause.

Students like Kerri Schuller, Christopher Nelson, and Erica Beachum (below) support each other's efforts during the relay.



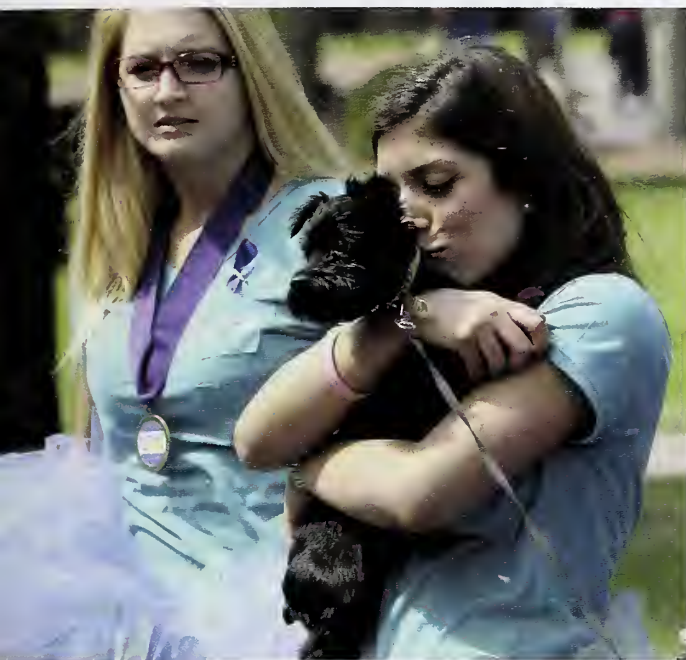
## Catching Breath

Even with a storm causing the committee to cancel the first day of Relay for Life, students and community members still showed their love for Disney—and their support for the effort to find a cure for cancer. On April 11, 2015, the UNCP family came together from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and raised a total of \$13,000 for cancer research. The Disney-themed event allowed all participants to bring out their inner child. Booths were designed based on popular Disney films and shorts, such as *The Lion King*, *101 Dalmations*, and *Alladin*.

Entertainment featured Mcs Ian Fetterolf and Jamar Smith, with a performance from the Hip Hop Dance team E'cial. Although the 4-hour event did not quite reach the committee's original monetary goal, it still succeeded in bringing people together for a good cause.

Students sing along with popular Disney music as they complete their laps.





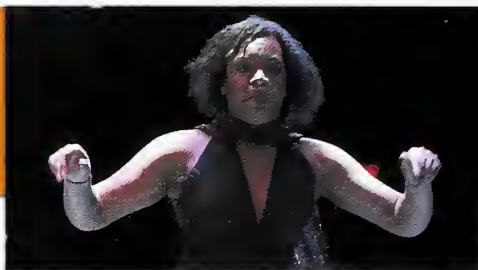
**S**tudent and cancer survivor Summer Heath works with her sorority sister Mariam Qambar, and a cute puppy, to raise funds.

**W**alkers participate in themed laps for survivors, supporters, and those who have lost loved ones.

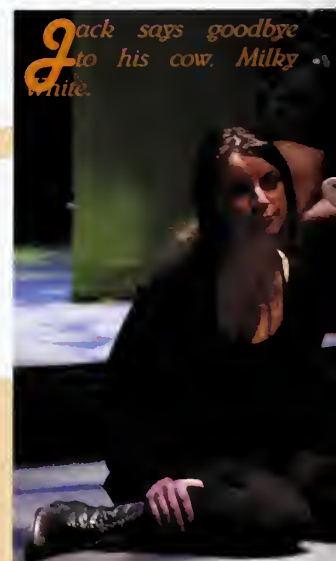


**Y**earbook photographer Jenny Chompholpakdy (above) is among the students walking for a cure.

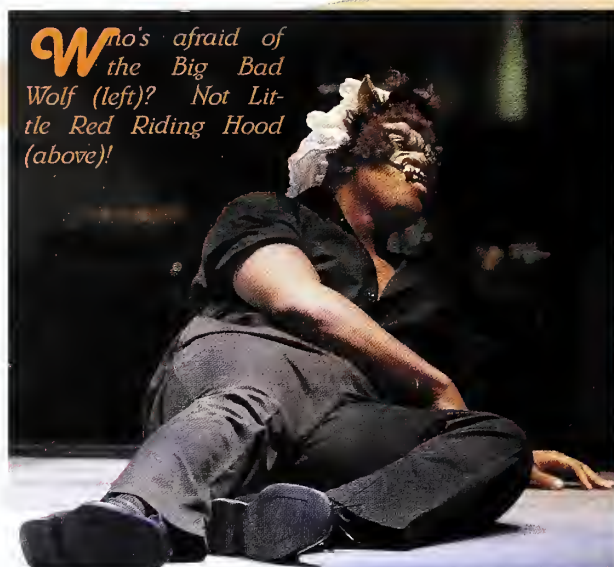




*Rapunzel's mom (right) is a real witch until transformed by magic into a beauty (above) in Act 2.*



*Jack says goodbye to his cow, Milky White.*



*Who's afraid of the Big Bad Wolf (left)? Not Little Red Riding Hood (above)!*



*The baker and his wife sing of their dream of having a child.*



*Jack's mother has angry words for the giant.*



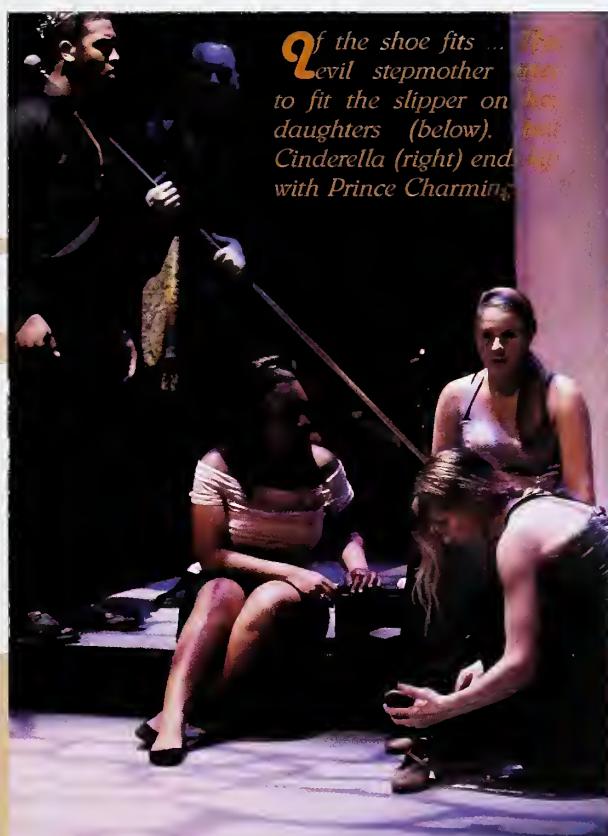
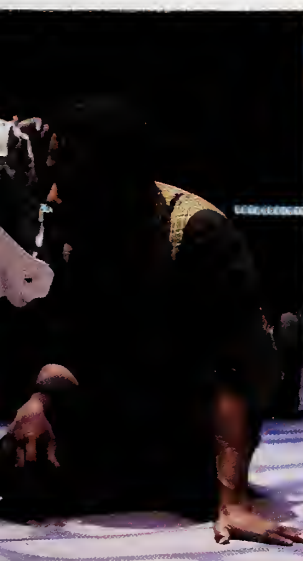
*Rapunzel (left) lets down her golden hair when her prince (inset below) comes calling.*

# Fractured Fairy Tales

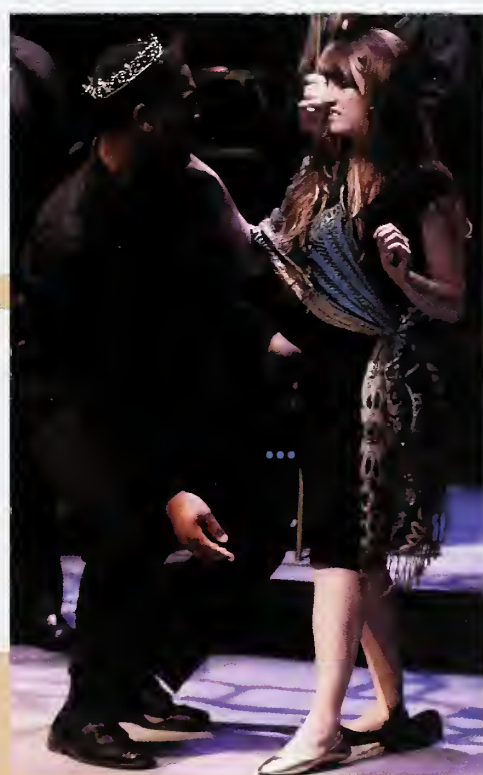
**I**nto the Woods, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine, entertained audiences in the GPAC from April 15-18, 2015; this was the first musical produced solely by the UNCP Department of Music, with Nathan Thomas as director. The first act interweaves plots and characters from familiar fairy tales—including Cinderella, Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Little Red Riding Hood—with the story of a baker and his wife who must find certain objects and bring them to a witch so she will remove the curse that prevents them from having a child. After many twists and turns, the various stories are resolved with traditional “happy endings”—Cinderella marries her Prince, Rapunzel is freed from her tower, and the baker and his wife have their child. In the second act, however, the audience finds out what happens later, when the Prince tires of Cinderella, the Giant seeks revenge for what Jack has stolen, and other not so happy outcomes.

The large cast of UNCP students included Kiersten Adams as Little Red Riding Hood, Sara Doyle as Cinderella’s Stepmother, Taylor Graham as the prince’s Steward, Alex Greene as Snow White, Chris Hunter as Jack, Dorianna James as Jack’s Mother, Ieisha Jones as the Witch, DeNesha McAllister as Cinderella’s Mother, William Morrozoff as Rapunzel’s Prince, Justyn Nwokolo as the Narrator, Jael Pembrick and Beth Storey as Cinderella’s stepsisters Lucinda and Florinda, Jessica Perry as Sleeping Beauty, Morgan Pettigrew as the Baker’s Wife, Hunter Rigsby as Rapunzel, Nygel Deville Robinson as the Wolf and Prince Charming, Taylor Royer as Cinderella, and Stephen Shane as Cinderella’s father. Alumnus Dalton Hoffer appeared as the Baker, and Music faculty member Tracy Thomas voiced the Giant as well as serving as Associate Music Director for the production. Students in the orchestra included Kelsey Wilkins on cello, Jacobi Davis on clarinet, Meggan Hollis on flute, and Hunter Baxley and Darius Dawson on percussion. They were joined by Music faculty Timothy Altman on trumpet and Tracy Thomas and Nathan Thomas on piano.

Students also participated behind the scenes, with Mary Grace Curiale serving as Stage Manager, assisted by Berri Locklear and Wynona Oxendine. Kaylla Hall, Jessica Jenks, Melanie Labeau, Forrest Malcolm, Kelsey Scherer, Victor Slaughter, Jacob Tally, Amanda Taylor, Sierra Temple, and Quincee Tompkins were the Scenery and Lighting Crew; Chelsea Prevatte was the Costume Crew, and Shaunette Meekings the Running Crew. The set was designed by Theatre faculty member Gary Tremblay, and Lenea Barela-Lewis designed the lighting.



*If the shoe fits ... The evil stepmother tries to fit the slipper on her daughters (below), but Cinderella (right) ends up with Prince Charming.*



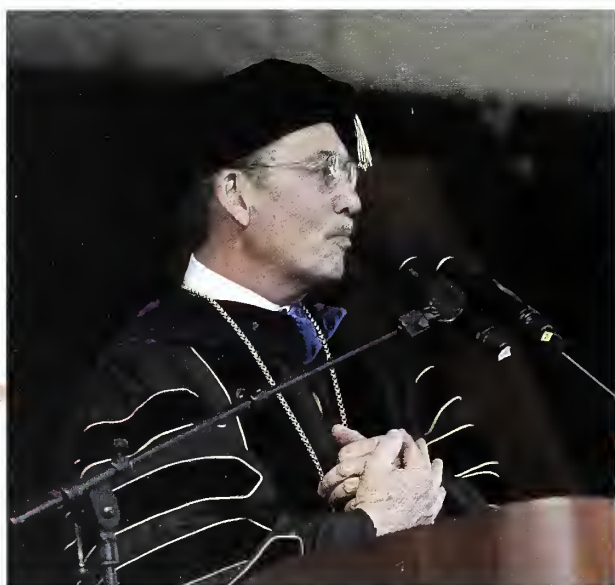


# Moving On

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke held its graduate commencement at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 8, in the Givens Performing Arts Center. The undergraduate commencement was held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 9, on the Quad. One hundred and sixty graduates were hooded during the graduate ceremony, and 578 students received diplomas during the undergraduate ceremony. They were not the only ones who would be leaving UNCP after this event; this was the last commencement presided over by Chancellor Kyle Carter, who retired in June.

North Carolina Poet Laureate Shelby Stephenson was the speaker for the graduate ceremony. Installed as Poet Laureate in January 2015, Stephenson has published a dozen books of poetry and recorded several collections of music. Stephenson retired from UNCP in 2010 after 32 years of teaching in the English, Theatre, and Foreign Languages Department. For 30 years, he edited *Pembroke Magazine*, UNCP's literary journal.

Best-selling author Wes Moore was the commencement speaker for the undergraduate ceremony on May 9. *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* was a New York Times best-seller and was adopted by UNCP as its common read for 2014-15. The author has become a much sought after speaker. His occupations are listed as social entrepreneur, author, soldier, public speaker, and youth advocate.



Chancellor Kyle Carter (above) addresses the graduates at his final UNCP commencement in May 2015.



This Phi Sigma Nu brother (right) and fellow graduates listen to the speeches as they wait for the moment when they will cross the stage and receive their bachelor's degrees.







*Raising their arms, and sometimes their diplomas, in celebration, the graduates to the left signify pride and joy in their accomplishment.*

*The graduate below gets a final hug from Chancellor Carter after she receives her diploma.*



*One graduate (center) spreads her arms in a V for victory, while another (left) smiles as she holds her newly-earned diploma.*





Staff members and students like the one below volunteer to help freshmen move into campus housing.



ina Clymore (right) has fun bouncing on top of a giant inflated ball during Welcome Week activities.



Marina Sell Schinemann (above right) and another student check their phones during a Welcome Week event on the quad. Marina had just arrived at UNCP as an exchange student from Brazil.

The student at right hops around on a pogo stick during Welcome Week, when students had many opportunities for having fun before getting down to more serious business in their Fall 2015 classes.







*J* Corlew (left) checks his phone as other students line up for free food during a Welcome Week event.

*F*reshmen in their Class of 2019 t-shirts (below) walk across the bridge on their way to the GPAC for Fall Convocation, the ceremonial start of their academic careers at UNCP.



## Moving In

*S*tarting new journeys can be very difficult, but UNCP has a way making it fun and exciting. The 2015-16 academic year began with Welcome Week, a time when freshmen and other new students got a feel for their campus and their new community. Returning students and staff, including our new Chancellor, Dr. Robin Cummings, were on hand to help the new arrivals move into their dorms. Welcome Week started off with the freshmen coming together at the Lowry Bell Tower to have their photo taken with the Chancellor and Mrs. Cummings. Then they all walked across the bridge over the water feature to the GPAC for Fall Convocation, representing a new beginning at UNCP. Welcome Week included many orientation sessions that students could attend to learn about their professors, classes, and other topics; there were also many fun events for students to enjoy before the more serious business of classes began, including a block party with free food and various activities. Another event near the end of Welcome Week was the Hawk Fest paint party hosted by PAC and SGA. Freshmen came out to the UC Lawn in their white orientation shirts ready to get them drenched in paint; they also enjoyed the music,

dancing, and the anticipation of paint. One of our very own students, Anthony Vincent, got to go on stage and spray paint at the crowd.

*C*ameron Armstrong and other students (left) stop for conversation during a Welcome Week event.



# To Be, or ...

Shakespeare's *Hamlet* was presented at the GPAC from November 4-7. Directed by Jonathan Drahos, the cast included Mac McGill in the title role, supported by student performers Hakeem Abdur-Rahim as Cornelius, Jalen Boyette as Polonius, Brice Anthony Heller as Claudius, Mathieu Horton as Bernardo, Dorianna James as Gertrude, Jamonte Madison as the Player King, Deana Moore and Rebecca Wey as the Gravediggers, Jessica Perry as Laertes, Laura Zaetz and Joshua Perry as Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, Madison Ramsey as Ophelia, Angel Roman as Osric, Amanda Suarez-Lewis as the Player Queen, Jaji Watson as Marcellus, and Nick Williams as Horatio; Dr. Drahos appeared as the Ghost.

Students from the Art Department lent their talents, as well, providing portraits and statues for the set. Ophelia's drowning was made even more dramatic in this production as several supporting cast members doubled as trees, swaying around Ophelia as she dies. Behind the scenes were Lauren Mae Wise as Stage Manager, assisted by Shaunette Meekins; Andrew Reece and Sierra Temple on sound; Michaila Eshelman as spot operator; and Wayne Locklear as light board operator. Darian Rolle joined Meekins in the running crew, and Dennis Bowen, Jessica Martinez, Ribyan McClain, Emily Mills, and Ashleigh Scralett were the wardrobe crew.

Gertrude (Dorianna James, right) reacts with horror to the accusations her son Hamlet (Mac McGill) has just made.



Deana Moore and Rebecca Wey (above) provide some comic relief, to the delight of the audience, in their portrayal of the grave diggers in Act 5.



Ophelia (Madison Ramsey, above) descends into madness in Act 4. Cast members portray the trees that surround her as she sinks to her watery grave.





# Not To Be



**H**amlet (Mac McGill, left) puts some humor, as well as method, into his madness early in the play, before tragedy and revenge take over.

**P**olonius (Jalen Boyette, above left) talks to the players. Ophelia, Hamlet, and Rosencrantz and Guildenstern about the play within the play.

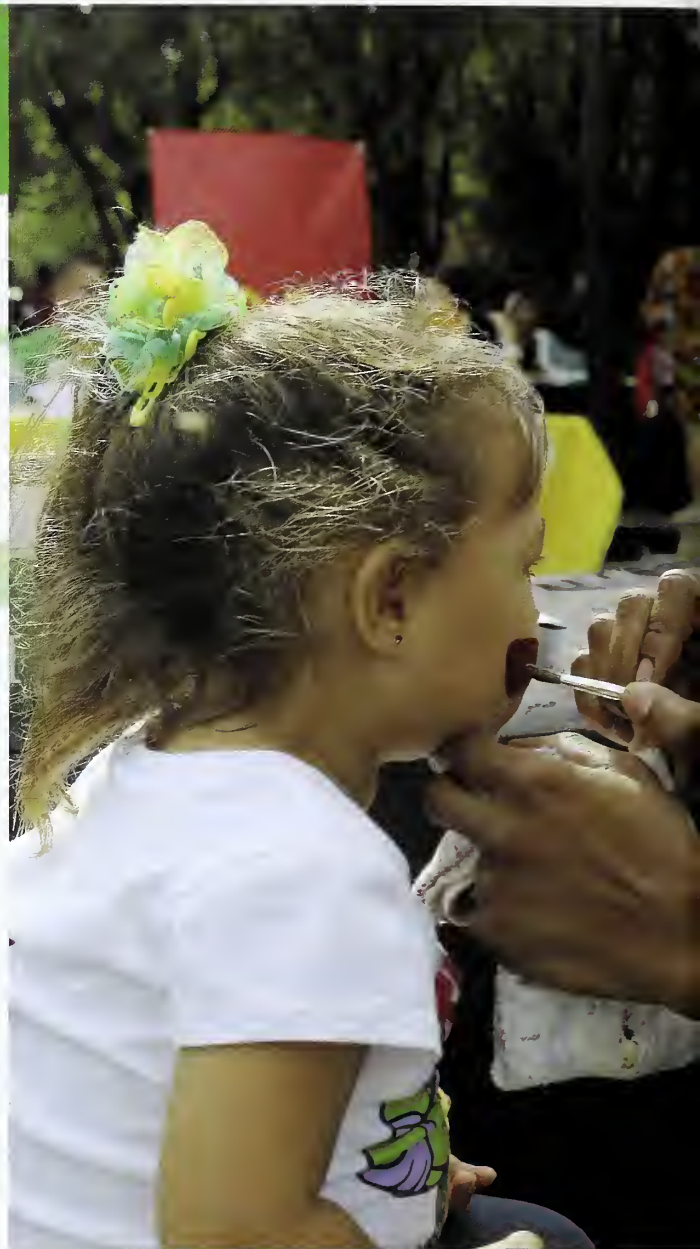
**L**aertes (Jessica Perry), Gertrude, and Claudius (Brice Heller) mourn at Ophelia's funeral (top).



# Coming Together

Every year, UNCP students, faculty, and staff come together with members of the local community to celebrate Pembroke Day, which took place this year on September 23, 2015. All around the Quad, booths and tables staffed by academic departments, student organizations, and University offices offered candy, small gifts, and information about themselves. Several food vendors were out there, with long lines of people waiting to get to the refreshments. Groups from the community were on hand, such as the Robeson County Schools, who offered information about the school system and handed out free planners. Entertainment was provided by Miss UNCP, the marching band, and many others who performed throughout the day. Opportunities for fun included tasting homemade ice-cream, getting your face painted, or playing popular games such as corn hole. Pembroke Day was well attended, and the students and community members enjoyed themselves and learned a little bit more about each other.

Drill team members perform to the music of the marching band (right), and a little girl gets her face painted at one of the tables (center).



Students socialize as they walk around to the various tables (above), Chaliss Cline serves some liquid refreshment (right), and members of a local drum provide music to get the celebration started (center).







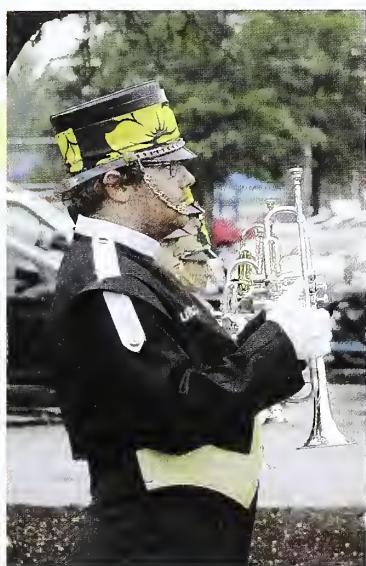
Students get their photo taken with the Bravehawk mascot, Leah Wassilchak, Kassidy Lora, and Dosja Johnson staff a table (below).



This sax player from the marching band entertains the crowd (above), and Lauren Wise converses with a colleague while staffing a table (left).



Miss UNCP Bessie Barnes rides in the parade (below), and a little boy (right) enjoys one of the inflatables during tailgating before the Homecoming game.



Students march in the band (above left) and represent their organizations on floats (above) during the Homecoming parade.

Alumni from Pi Kappa Alpha (above right) return for Homecoming, even though their fraternity—aka the Pikes—is no longer on campus





# Welcome Back

From the Spirit Fest to the crowning of the King and Queen, Homecoming was always hyped. On September 28, Housing and Residence Life hosted the Spirit Fest, an event featuring food, games, raffles, and dancing. The students enjoyed all the popcorn and cotton candy along with waiting in line for seconds for wings, sandwiches, and cupcakes. Towards the end of the event there was a huge dance circle, where anyone who was in the middle was watched by the students waiting to see their awesome dance moves.

The parade was filled with countless floats passing out candy to all the children and families watching. Even when it started to rain, the Braves never stopped showing Black and Gold spirit. Parade spectators heard many different songs and chants. The coach of the wrestling team, O.T. Johnson, led a dance to the song "Bust a Move." Students on the RHA float shouted many chants, from "Don't doubt that Black and Gold" to "P-R-I-D-E, Pembroke Pride, Let's go." The Marching Band and Color Guard never stopped playing, even when the parade was paused by one of Pembroke's famous trains. One of the most anticipated events of Homecoming was crowing of the King and Queen. This year we had great candidates who campaigned from the beginning of the year. Some passed out buttons, candy, and cupcakes, while

others went around to every table in the cafeteria to talk with their fellow UNCP students. When it came down to the votes of the students, the new Homecoming King and Queen were Dustin Chavis and Karen Atkinson.

Our Bravehawk mascot (left) gets the crowd pumped up during the pep rally before the Homecoming game.



Chancellor and Mrs. Cummings (left) wave to the spectators as they march in their first Homecoming parade.

Spirit Squad members Gina Clymore, Alyx Goodwin, Lyndsey Locklear, Ashlynn McGhee, and Leah Wassilchak (above) march to the stadium for the game.

Members of the drill team (above) march to the music of the band in the Homecoming parade.



# What a Drag!

**F**all 2015 events and activities kept students engaged and entertained throughout the semester. In September, for example, students bubbled with fun at Oak Hall's Wet and Wild Foam Party and were entertained by musician Preston Pugmire at a PAC-sponsored event in the UC Lounge. We also had a visiting preacher on campus in September, and his message left some students more enraged than engaged. Word got around, and when he returned for a second day of preaching on the UC Lawn, many students came prepared with banners and signs expressing their disagreement, and a spirited dialogue took place.

The UC Lawn was also the location for other activities during the semester, including many fundraisers sponsored by Greek organizations. In November, students enjoyed the glitz and glamor of a drag show in the UC Lounge, and at the end of the semester they were treated to the annual Late Night Breakfast and Stress Relief activities during exam week. Students could make Christmas ornaments, paint ceramic penguins, or work on other crafts to take their minds off the exam they just took or were about to take.



**T**his performer struts through the audience (above) at the drag show in the UC Lounge.

**P**reston Pugmire (right) performs in the UC Lounge in September, one of many events sponsored by PAC.







*Students display signs and banners (left) in response to the preacher who visited campus in September.*



*Students listen to the visiting preacher (below), but not everyone agreed with his message.*



*This student (left) is enveloped in foam during the "Wet and Wild" party in September.*



*This student (above) vogues with style during the "November drag show in the UC Lounge.*



*D*r. Robin Gary Cummings (below) addresses the graduates at his first commencement as UNCP's Chancellor.

*T*hese ladies (right) smile as they return to their seats in the GPAC with their newly-earned master's degrees.



*T*hese ladies (above) smile and Beau Thompson (right) waves to someone in the crowd on his way to receive his diploma.





# Mastery

**U**NCP conferred master's degrees on 99 graduate students on Friday, December 11, in the GPAC. It was the first commencement for new Chancellor Robin Gary Cummings, who said that Old Main was a constant reminder to him, as a youth, of the power of education to transform lives, families, and entire communities. "UNC Pembroke has a long history," Chancellor Cummings told the graduates. "This is a place where faculty and staff are focused on changing lives through education. Wherever you want to go in life, you can get there from here. This university has changed your life through education, and now it is your duty to better the lives of others," he said.

The commencement speaker was chemistry professor Dr. Siva Mandjiny, recipient of the 2015 UNC Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence, whose passion for science and teaching has come to symbolize great teaching and learning at UNCP.



*This graduate (left) shares her big night with her daughter; others (above) pose for photos at the reception in the UC Annex after the ceremony.*



***D** Siva Mandjiny (below) inspires the graduates to continue learning and achieving, as he has done.*



***J**aylor Barber and another graduate (right) wave as they take their seats in the gym at the start of commencement.*

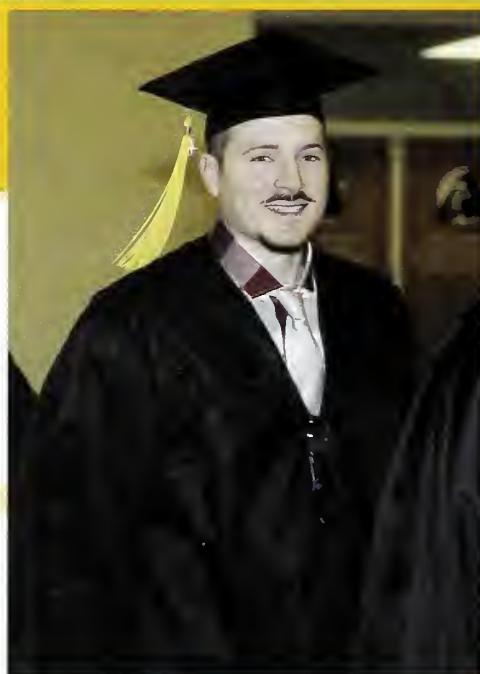


## Achievement

***J**he 464 undergraduates who received their degrees on Saturday, December 12, in the Main Gym were as diverse as the university itself, and they took different paths, in education and life, to graduation day.*

"I did everything I could to accomplish as much as could here," said Michael Mollohan, a 47-year-old Army veteran from Raeford, N.C. "I joined the Honors College and interned at the new Entrepreneurship Incubator. I have already started work on an MBA." Mollohan, who earned a business degree, graduated with his son, Patrick, a computer science major with ambitions to move to Seattle to join the industry there.

Kevin Melvin, a Pembroke native, will use his degree in American Indian Studies to work with youth. "I got tired of working manual labor, so I decided to go to school," said Melvin. "Here, I found a wife and got married, and I found a whole bunch of friends by joining a fraternity, something I said I would never do. It has changed my life...tremendously," Melvin said.



***J**his graduate (above) marches toward the gym; another (right) jumps for joy when she receives her diploma.*





*Pushes, honor cords, and medallions (left) signify a graduate's accomplishments, and add color to the occasion; some graduates (below) also decorate their caps.*



*The gym is filled to capacity with family and friends (above) as the graduates march in at the start of commencement.*



The contestants (right) display their poise—and those pageant smiles—as they wait for the results to be announced.

Rebecca Hayes (below) wows the audience with her interpretive dance, and Alexandra Bear (below right) shows off the painting she created.



## Crowning Moment

This year's Miss UNCP pageant was a fun-filled night of entertainment and anticipation, ending with the crowning of freshman chemistry major Madison Davenport, who won the crowd over with her rhythm tap dance. She said there are many things she'd like to accomplish as Miss UNCP; one of the most important ones would be joining Chancellor Robin Cummings in the effort to "Change Lives through Education." Madison got to take home a \$2,000 scholarship along with free housing and meal plan for one year. Rebecca Hayes, whose talent was interpretive dance, won the Miss Congeniality award. First runner-up was psychology major Tatyana Bell, who played the flute; she took home a \$750 scholarship. Second runner-up was zoology major Cameron Jacobs, who performed an Irish dance and received a \$500 scholarship. Morgan McInnes, a junior majoring in elementary education, received a \$500 scholarship. Alexandra Bear took a different approach to the talent portion of the evening. Her talent was expressive art, and she painted an upside down lion, finishing the piece by throwing glitter on it. Allison Savage, the other Miss UNCP contestant, got a \$150 scholarship for having the most cans donated to the CARE Resource center.



Bessie Barnes (above) sings as she is carried onto the stage for her final night as Miss UNCP, and Tatyana Bell (right) plays the flute in hopes of claiming the crown.





*Madison Davenport (left) is crowned by Bessie Barnes as the newest Miss UNCP.*

*Allison Savage (below) shares a song with the audience.*



*Cameron Jacobs (above) performs an Irish dance during the talent competition, and Morgan McInnes (left) looks stunning in her evening gown.*



# Comedy Tonight!

*Scapin*, Bill Irwin and Mark O'Donnell's adaptation of a classic French comedy by Moliere, delighted audiences at the GPAC from February 23-27, 2016. Combining commedia dell'arte traditions with sight and sound gags from Loony Tunes cartoons, the play tells the story of two servants who outwit their masters, allowing the masters' sons to marry the young ladies of their choice despite their fathers' objections. Directed by Holden Hansen, the cast featured Jessica Perry in the title role, Hakeem Addur-Rahim as Argante, Laura Bortolotti as Zerbinette, Jalen Boyette as Sylvestre, Jamone Madison as Octave, Mac McGill as Leander, Jarrett Oxendine and Laura Zaetz as the two clowns/police, Madison "Moe" Ramsey as Hyacinth, Nick Williams as Geronte, and D'Rae Rolle as Nerine. Danny Amendola, a music instructor at Pembroke Elementary and UNCP, sat above the stage, providing organ music as well as various sound effects. Chasity Skusa was the Stage Manager, and Rebecca Wey served as Assistant Stage Manager and Sound Board Operator. Nicole DeFede worked with Hansen and Amendola on Sound Design, Jessica Martinez operated the light board, Vincenzo Giannetto and Earnie Lee were the running crew, and Ashton Holmes, Rachelle Nucci, and Gabby Salaam were the wardrobe crew.

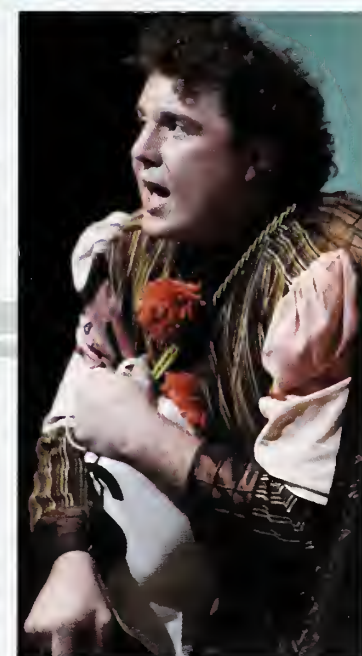
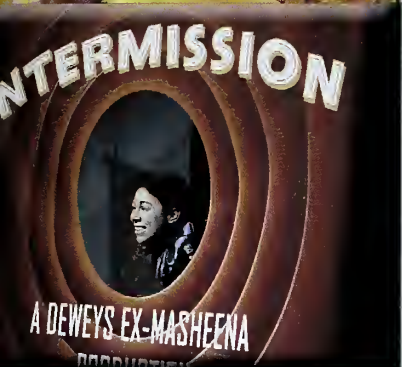






By the end of the play, Hyacinth (Moe Ramsey, left) and Nerine (D'Rae Rolle, center) get to marry the men they love, and Sylvestre (Jalen Boyette, right) puts one over on his master but keeps his job.

Argante (Hakeem Abdul-Rahim, below) and Geronte (Nick Williams, bottom) are tricked by their servants and their sons.



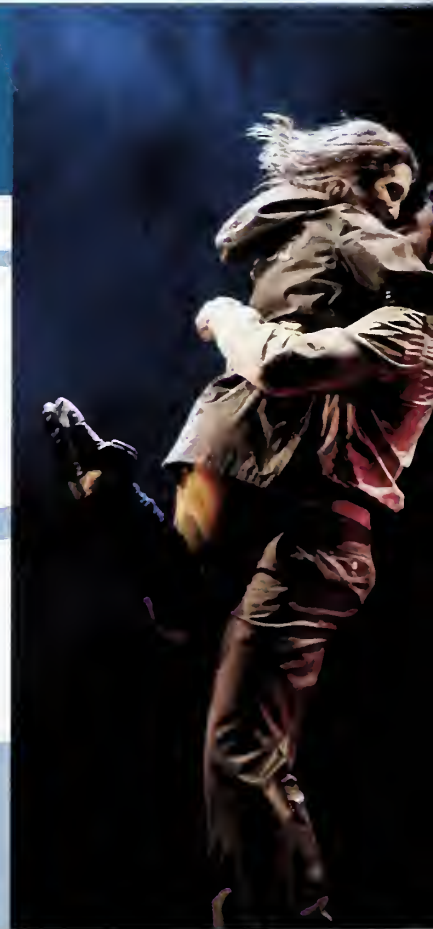
Scapin (Jessica Perry, left) argues with Leander (Mac McGill, center) and Octave (Jamon-te Madison, right) here but helps them trick their fathers and get the girls of their dreams.



*The iconic image below is from Flashdance. The live musical version of this movie came to the GPAC in November.*



*The ladies of En Vogue (above) delight the audience at the GPAC with their music and dynamic stage presence.*







*Modern dance comes alive at the GPAC (left) in this performance by the Ailey II company in March.*

*Colorful costumes and great music engage the audience for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (below).*



*Scenes from the movie Flashdance (above and left) come to life on stage at the GPAC in November.*

## Artistry

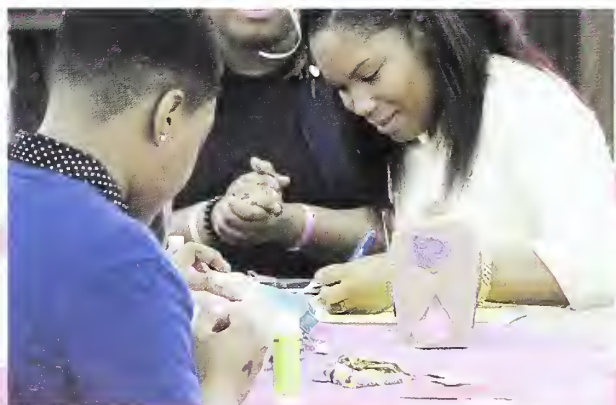
Every year, the Broadway and More series brings a wide variety of visiting productions to the Givens Performing Arts Center for the enjoyment of students, faculty and staff, and the local community. This year's season included Cirque Montage in September, *Flashdance, the Musical* in November, David Benoit's *Tribute to a Charlie Brown Christmas* in December, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* in January, the Ailey II dance company in March, *The Hit Men*, in concert in April, and the musical *Once* in May.

Other performers who visited the GPAC this year included En Vogue, the North Carolina Symphony, and Visions from Cape Breton, providing music to appeal to a wide range of tastes and interests.



*Brandon Watford (right) and two other students (below and far right) get pied for a good cause at the Alpha Sigma Phi fundraiser.*

*Students get down to the music at the Decades Dance (below).*

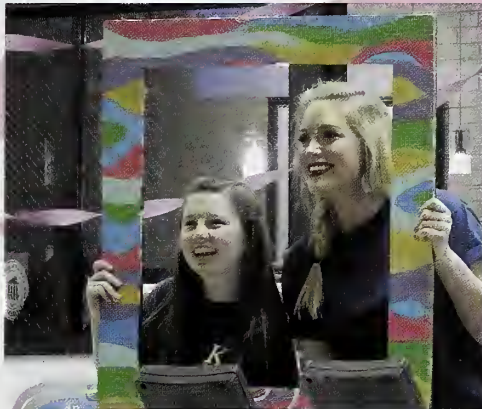


*Some students (above and far right) make Valentine's Day candy grams, while another (right) expresses himself at the Decades Dance.*





*Alex Smith and friends (below) are happy to have survived the Polar Plunge; Kappa Delta sisters (below left and bottom right) hope to attract new members on their bid night; and SGA sponsors a candidates' debate (bottom left) prior to the March primary election, in which there was much competition for seats on the Robeson County Board of Education.*



## Spring into Acceptance

Spring fever was in full effect as students returned from the holidays ready to face new challenges and experience new things. The Spring 2016 semester began by exploring the decades, as the Pembroke Activities Council (PAC) hosted an exciting new Decades Dance, with students dressing up from past decades going all the way back to the 1950s. Students who were brave enough took the plunge into icy water at the RHA's annual Polar Plunge, Freezin' for a Reason. As Valentine's Day approached, PAC remained busy and hosted several other events, including a CANDy Gram event in which students donated non-perishable items to the on-campus CARE Resource Center in exchange for being able to create their own customized candy grams.

As the semester progressed, students participated in special interest events through Greek organizations, such as Alpha Sigma Phi's "Pie a Pledge" fundraiser, Kappa Delta's Pancake Dinner, NPHC Week, and Zeta Tau Alpha's Big Man on Campus Competition. Aside from the entertainment, students also participated in community service like the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service event, and they searched for a voice within the community at events like the SGA-sponsored Board of Education Debate, where candidates running for the hotly-contested seats on the Robeson County school board shared their platforms with an audience of students and community members prior to the March primary election. With every new year comes new excitement, and this year certainly followed that trend.



# Traveling Braves

Many students took the opportunity to travel abroad, not just for fun but for an amazing learning experience as well. UNCP offers many study trips, both in and out of the country. The International Programs office coordinates all the international study abroad trips and makes sure each and every student and faculty member is safe wherever they go. Students who take this opportunity get to explore the world and everything around them while still learning who they are and becoming independent adults. In May of 2015, political science professor Dr. Kevin Freeman led a study abroad trip to Japan. Students visited places like the Tokyo Tower, Tokyo Dome, and art festivals on a man-made island while learning about Japanese customs and culture. In the Summer of 2015, the Department of Geology and Geography took some of their students on a trip to Yellowstone National Park. On their way to Yellowstone, they also stopped in other states to look at some of the geological and geographical areas and artifacts in places such as Pilot Mountain here in NC, the Nebraska Ash Fall Beds, the Badlands and Mount Rushmore in South Dakota, the Devil's Tower, and many other locations.

Students learn calligraphy (right) and experience Japanese mass transit (below) during their study tour with Dr. Kevin Freeman in May 2015.







*Students explore the geology and geography of many areas in the U.S. (left and below) during a study trip in Summer 2015.*



*Japanese arts and culture are some of the things students are exposed to on their May 2015 study tour.*



*A*UNCP student (right) stares into the distance while busy helping the community; Brandon Tester and a fellow student (below right) help contribute by carrying a table; another student, Johnathon Fernandez (below), kindly volunteers.



*T*wo international students (above) are happy to be helping clean up the community; Heather Wurtele and some of her buddies (right) get to work by helping in the garden.





*Kayla Watson and another student (far left) help to bring in canned foods for a good cause; Daria Glover and a group of girls contribute to helping keep the community clean (right), while other students get together and help keep things clean (below and bottom).*



## Helping Hands

**V**NCP volunteers gathered early Monday morning on January 18, 2016, to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by serving our community. Three hundred and fifteen students and community members and nine faculty and staff made it a day ON, not a day off, making this the largest Day of Service to date at the university. Serving sixteen projects throughout the community, volunteers took over Pembroke, NC, and set out to make a difference.

Working with the town of Pembroke, the Lumbee Tribe, the local Fire and Rescue Departments, Parks and Recreation, Union Elementary School, Asbury Homes, and the Odum Home, volunteers were sure to make an impact. A couple of groups worked on campus in the community garden near the Pine Cottage north of campus, while others on campus did hard work at the University Center. One group traveled to Lumberton, NC, to feed the homeless at My Refuge, while our largest group spread out all over town in a road-side cleanup. Despite the cold, our brave spirit kept us motivated to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and celebrate his passion for community!

Giving back to the community was not confined to a single day. Earlier in the academic year, students had participated in a 9/11 Day of Service, and various student organizations and individuals performed community service throughout the year.





# Getting Physical

Sports are something that everyone enjoys. Many students love playing sports for the fun of it. During the year students are stressed about classes, exams, organizations and many other things. Intramural sports help students to be in a relaxing fun-filled environment. Many students participate in intramural sports to get their mind off of class work and other things. Students who don't like to participate in the tournament or game like to go and watch.

UNCC has several intramural sports students could participate in or support. Just like intercollegiate sports, intramural sports are seasonal. When students start school in the fall the intramural sports they can get involved with are flag football, indoor volleyball, ice hockey, softball, golf, indoor soccer and three-on-three basketball. During the spring students can participate in five-on-five basketball, sand volleyball, indoor soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, softball, golf and tennis. Some of the most popular sports were flag football, basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, and volleyball. Throughout the year we saw many different teams practicing and playing in tournaments. Many students went out to support their friends in any tournament they were playing in.

Another amazing thing about intramural sports is that UNCC facility can join in. Having faculty and students being able to participate together in sports was great. This gave students a chance to get to know their professors or meet new ones.



Two students (above) race to the finish line in intramural soccer. Another student (right) is ready to throw the Frisbee in the tournament. A student gets ready to kick the ball in order to pass it during an intramural soccer match (center right). Another student waits patiently to pass the ball in a game of dodgeball (far right).





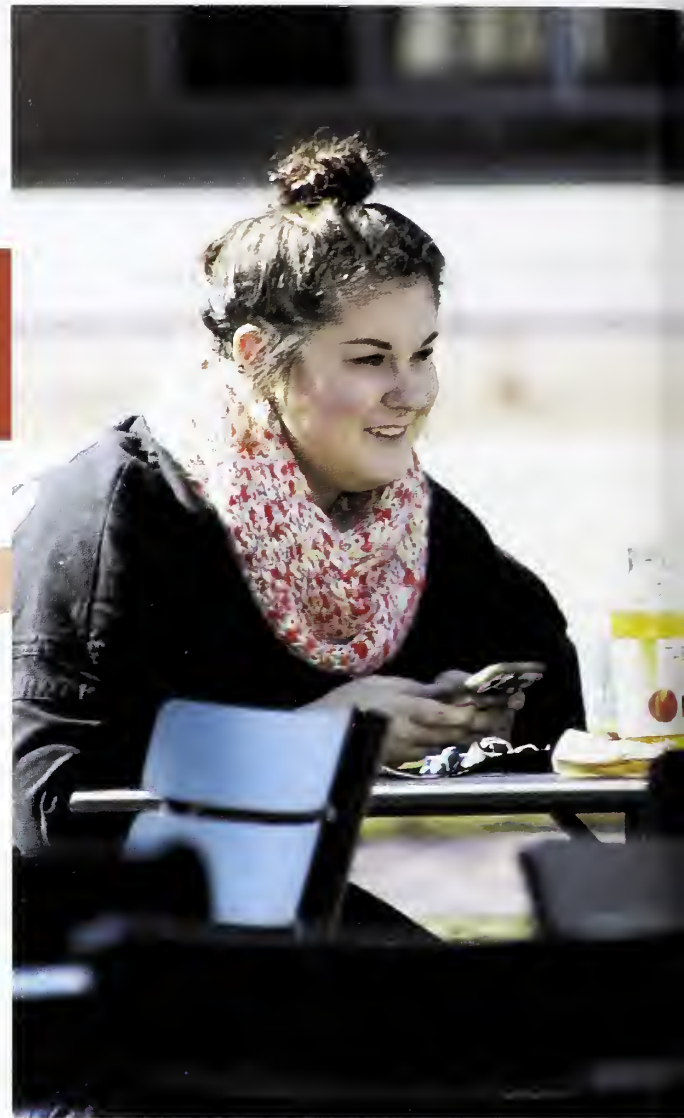


*These students are competing in the intramural Ultimate Frisbee league (center and right); two teammates play together in a game of intramural soccer (below left); another student (below) stands ready to throw the ball in dodgeball.*





*Two classmates work together in the game room to get the job done (below), while two friends sit together and enjoy a meal at WOW (below them).*



*A group of friends gathers at Papa John's to eat (above); a group of pals sit outside the UC and wait on their next class to begin (right).*







## Our Spots

Our campus offers students many places to relax and just hang out with their friends as well as to study or enjoy time to themselves. These include places to share meals, places to focus on academics, places to simply catch up, places to enjoy the arts, and places to bask in the beauty of nature. Students can choose from a variety of foods at the various locations on campus such as the dining hall, Papa John's, and WOW. There are also many spaces to gather including study rooms, the UC, the UC Annex, and common areas in the dorms or apartments. The library and computer labs give us quiet places to get our assignments done while utilizing the resources provided. For those of us who enjoy creative performances, it is always a treat to gather with our friends and attend one of the many events offered at GPAC. Whether we are in a hurry and need a quick boost or want to indulge in sipping coffee slowly while having a conversation with our friends, Starbucks and Jazzman's have us covered. When it is warm out, many of us can be found out on the quad sitting in the grass and on the benches or leaning atop the bridge watching the fish and turtles swim about. Overall, our campus has provided us quite the array of places to go instead of spending all our time bored and lonely in our dorms and apartments. However, it is still left in our hands to take advantage of them and reach out to our fellow students to form lasting friendships.

**K**atie Southard and a friend (left) enjoy a snack and some conversation at one of the many outdoor tables available on campus.

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**V**ictor Dial and another student get to work in lifting weights (above); another student helps his friend in the gym (center left); a student relaxes in the quad until her next class (left).

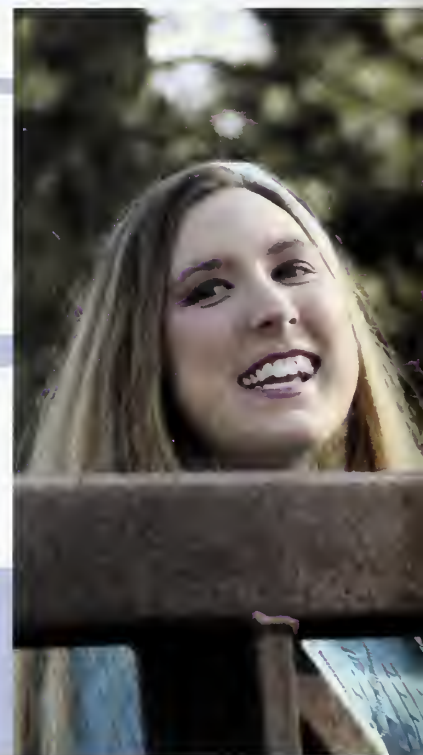


*Two friends sit by the water feature and go over notes (right); two classmates play around in weightlifting (below); a girl talks on the phone waiting on the wall outside the UC (below right).*



## Let Me Take a Selfie

Technology has become a central part of our lives. The most prominent example of this is the smartphone. There are many more examples of this, however: e-readers such as Kindles or Nooks, tablets such as the iPad or the Samsung Galaxy, and laptops as well. Technology is everywhere, and we use it to play games and take notes. It can be seen in the hands of anyone, if not our own, wherever we go. You don't have to look hard to find someone using technology. When we go to our favorite hangout spots such as WOW or Starbucks, we use our phones. On these phones we access a wide variety of apps, from casual games like Fallout Shelter to social media sites such as Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. Other apps such as Yik Yak or Kik are available to us, too, falling into categories all their own. While only a few of us have used all of these, it is probably safe to assume that the majority of us have taken advantage of at least one of them. In only the few years we have been in college, technology has progressed at an astounding rate. The trending apps are constantly changing, making way for new ones to take their place.







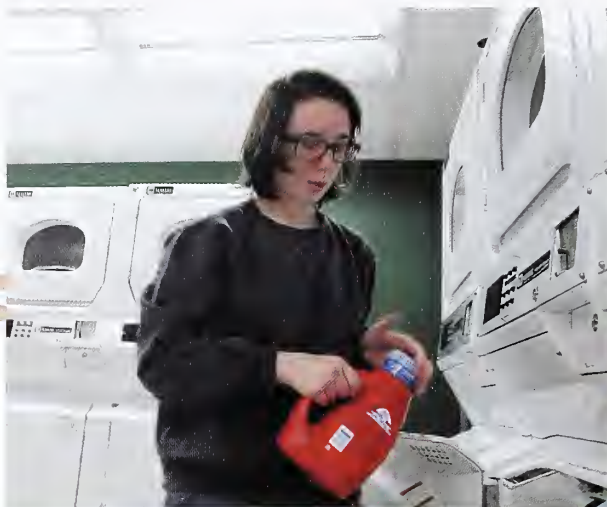
A group of friends take a selfie after being pied in the face (center); two friends relax by the library (left); a group of classmates study in the UC Lounge before an exam (right).



Katelyn Stanley and Marissa Rymer (center) pause to look at something happening near Starbucks as they cross the bridge over the water feature; two other students come to meet a student's dog (bottom right).



*Laundry is a task students can get done in their dorms, and this student gets ready to wash her clothes in the Oak Hall laundry room.*



*These two students work together on a project in an Oak Hall study room.*



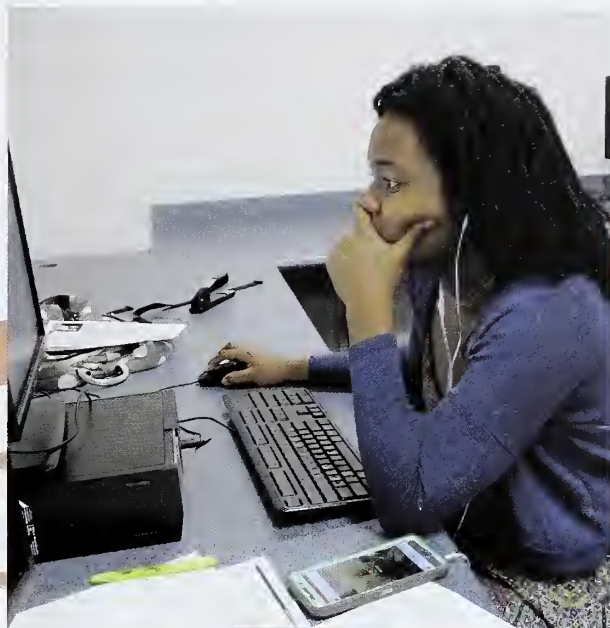
## Welcome to My House

*Back in 1985, resident students had many fewer options. Belk and North, believe it or not, were the "new" dorms, and most male students who lived on campus were in Wellons, Jacobs, or West; aside from a few small apartment complexes in the local community, that was it—none of these had computer labs or central air conditioning. UNCP now offers several living areas for its students which include Belk Hall, North Hall, Oak Hall, Pine Hall, Cypress Hall, Courtyard Apartments, and Village Apartments. There are also popular off-campus options such as Commons, Pembroke Place Apartments, and Pembroke Pointe Apartments. Belk and North are predominantly freshman dorms and are co-ed with genders being divided by floors. Oak, Pine, and Cypress have students living in suites which are made up of a common area and bathroom shared by four students. All off these dorms offer lounges, computer labs, laundry rooms, central heating and air conditioning, as well as card swipe access security.*

*A student (right) gets ready to put something in the oven in her Village apartment.*







*Students get together in a dorm room in North Hall (center) to share information and socialize, while another (left) works in a computer lab.*

*These three guys (below) use hallway in Cypress for a conversation.*



*A student plays along with her music as she walks down the hall in Cypress.*

*These students work together to accomplish a task in one of the Cypress Hall study areas.*



# Changing Lives

**D**r. Robin Gary Cummings and his wife, Rebecca, arrived at UNCP in July, 2016, when he became the university's new Chancellor. Dr. Cummings grew up the second youngest of nine children about three miles down the road from the UNCP campus in a small community known as Union Chapel. He remembers looking out the window of the school bus as a young child at the large campus, being exposed to new cultures by student teachers from the UNCP School of Education coming to teach in his classroom, and coming into the Livermore Library on campus during his high school years to study. He was at Duke for thirteen years before returning to Pembroke. The university, he felt, is what gave him the foundation and courage to pursue moving away to obtain his education.

Dr. Cummings stated that the ownership felt by students, staff, faculty, and community members for the university, along with the personal interactions between students and instructors, are what stand out to him about the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. In ten years, he hoped to see the student body increase to greater numbers and see new programs added. He also hoped to see a strong athletics department with a culture of winning. Currently, there are seventeen sports and five hundred athletes at the UNCP. Dick Christy, the head of the athletics on campus, has Dr. Cummings's faith that he can help improve athletics through his wonderful, visionary leadership.

Alumni relations is another area Dr. Cummings would like to improve. He hoped to encourage students to keep ties with the university even after graduation, as this would allow them to continue to be a part of the place that was so influential in their lives during the years they attended to gain their education. This could take the form of visiting for events, volunteering, giving donations, or voting in favor of things that would benefit the university. He stated that "if students aren't registered to vote, they should be ashamed."

Another way he encourages the university to move forward is to grow engineering and cyber security programs while reaching out to form even more agreements with other universities to provide opportunities for guaranteed transfer.

Dr. Cummings's goal is to leave the University of North Carolina at Pembroke with a strong foundation to build on as it provides the education of the future. However, Dr. Cummings believes that we should cherish and fight to preserve the four-year, on-campus college experience, as it gives students a chance to find their own identity while embracing the future by also offering online options. Dr. Cummings pointed out what a major positive influence the University of North Carolina at Pembroke has been to the surrounding communities. A friend of his from New Jersey made this even clearer to him by explaining that in his area, the focal point of the community is a casino, not a place of education. Dr. Cummings is proud to add his contributions to our one hundred and twenty-nine years of changing lives through education.

*Dr. Cummings meets student leaders Christian Happel and David Gazali (right) at an event at the Chancellor's Residence.*







*Dr. Cummings poses with a student (left) at the meet-and-greet event for student leaders held at the Chancellor's Residence at the start of the Fall semester.*



*Dr. Cummings talks with Bessie Barnes, Miss UNCP 2015 (left), as they get ready to march in the Homecoming parade.*

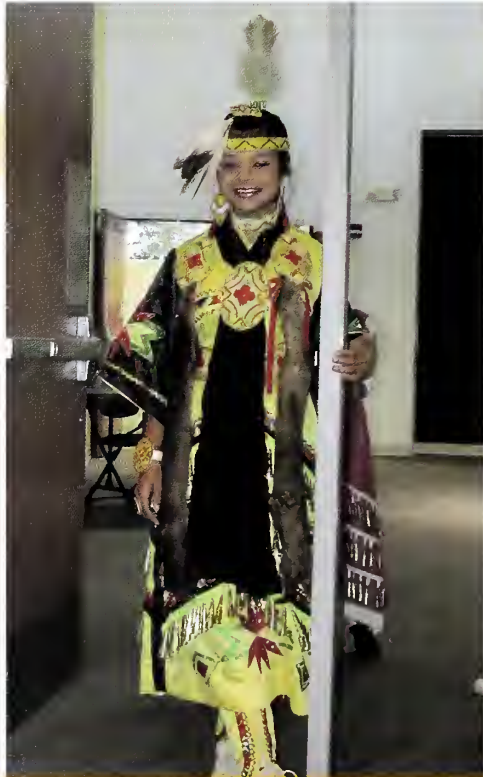
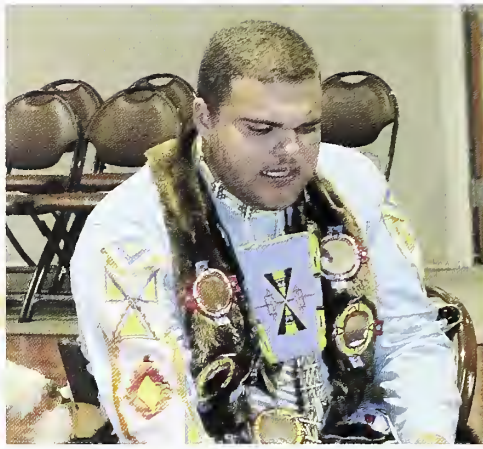


*Dr. Cummings and his wife Rebecca (above) walk in the UNCP Homecoming Parade, a first for them as the new Chancellor and First Lady of UNCP. The weather was overcast and windy, but that didn't dampen the spirits of those who participated.*



*Dr. Cummings follows Dr. Siva Mandjir (left) in line as the platform party marches into the gym for graduation in December, another first for our new Chancellor.*





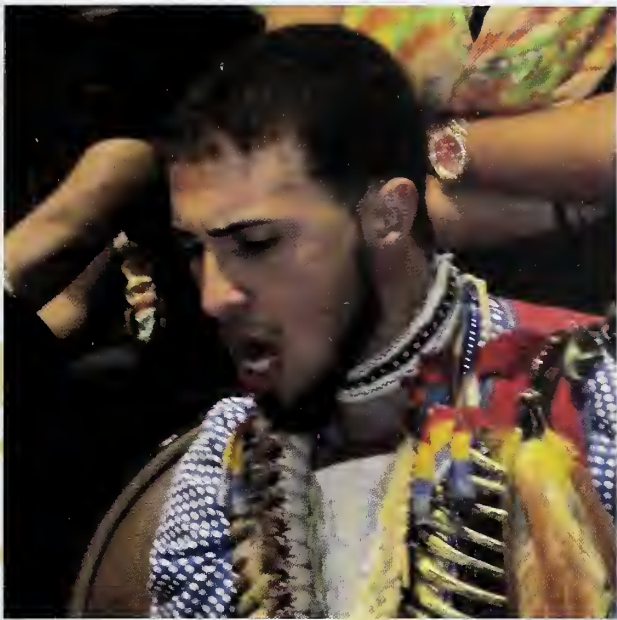
*The students and community members depicted on this spread participate in the Fall NASO Powwow on November 10 in the UC Annex.*

## Heritage

Our American Indian heritage distinguishes UNCP from most other universities, and there are events throughout the year at which it is celebrated, especially during Native American Heritage Month each November. Among the many events on campus, one that always draws a large and diverse crowd is the Fall NASO Powwow, held for the past several years in the UC Annex assembly room. This year's powwow took place on November 10, as participants dressed in colorful regalia entered the circle to the beat of the drum. Members of the UNCP and local communities watched as the dancers moved in traditional steps and rhythms.











**A**rmy ROTC cadets in 1985 (inset) and 2016 conduct training to prepare them to become officers.







**O**rganizations are a very important part of being a student here at UNCP. Many groups have been around since 1985. As the student body has grown, more groups have come and gone. These groups reflect our interests at the time and serve as an outlet for us. Students who are involved on campus do better in classes, and we get many great and wonderful life experiences out of participating in these organizations.

## *ORGANIZATIONS*

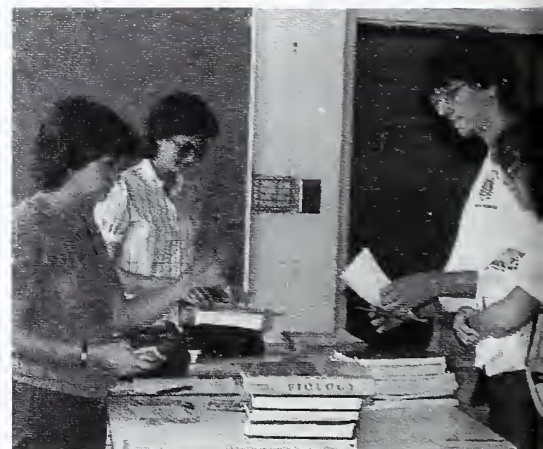
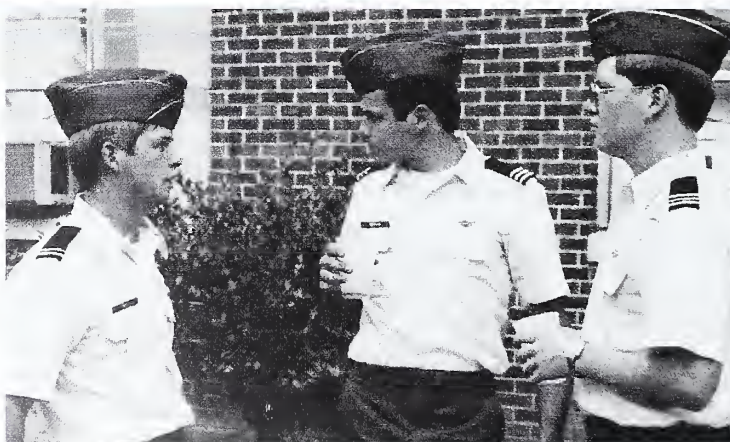


# 1985



Students in 1985 participate in Cheerleading, University Theatre, SGA, and Choir (above, clockwise from top left) and ROTC and Sigma Tau Delta (below).

## Organizations Then





# 2015-16



Students in 2016 get information about organizations at a Student Involvement Fair.

## .. and Now





Students show interest in PAC at the Student Involvement Fair.

SGA senators review a model of the University Center which was being built in 1985.



Founded in > **1947**

**2008**



**SGA** -Heather Bennett, Candace Locklear, Tremictrus Shaw Fairley, John Ware, Cierra Harris, Des Woods, Garrison Davis, Jordin Dickerson, Karena Atkinson, Mike Severy, Olivia Noel

**PAC** - Ana Gudiel, Parker Watson, Alexa Allison, CK Dean, Jahvar Billings, Kiona Fitzgerald, Myicha Drakeford, nya Goveo





# Leadership

**T**he purpose of the Student Government Association (SGA) is to represent and safeguard interests of the students. It is a political organization providing students with an avenue for action in matters pertaining to student rights and welfare.

The purpose of the Pembroke Activities Council (PAC, formerly known as ACE) is to plan, organize, and carry out programs based on the social needs of the campus.

The Graduate Student Organization (GSO) strives to bring graduate students together in academia and service, with dedication and pride for the UNCP community. The GSO seeks to improve graduate education and student life by providing services and social events. GSO provides a forum through which graduate students can communicate concerns and share opinions. GSO also connects graduate students through social media and provides information about campus services for graduate students.

The UNCP Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the student coordinating body and umbrella organization for all individual Residence Hall and Apartment Councils. RHA offers programming, leadership opportunities, and support for all students who live on campus. Additionally, RHA works closely with Housing and Residence Life staff, and through legislation, is charged with addressing the concerns of all residents and how to make their life on campus change for the better. This is a student-run organization dedicated to

Michael Baker and Cierra Harris represent SGA at the Student Involvement Fair.

enhancing the collegiate experience for students living in the on-campus residential communities.

## 2011



- Dr. Irene Aiken, Samantha Simon, Lara Shegoski, Jessellman, Kristen Mayernik, Jasmine Thomas, Eva Lowery, Key Currie, Brittany Harrington, Gabrielle Galbreath

## 2013



**RHA**



# Heritage

**T**he purpose of the Native American Student Organization (NASO) at UNCP is to promote pride in our Native American heritage, explore economic, political and educational opportunities for Native Americans, and promote the unification of Native students on our campus.

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) was founded in 1955. NCNW's mission is to lead, develop, and advocate for women of African American descent as they support their families and communities. National Council of Negro Women fulfills this purpose through research, advocacy, and national and community-based services and programs on issues of health, education, and economic empowerment in the United States and Africa.

The purpose of the African Student Organization (ASO) is to bring fellowship and unity within the African students on campus. Secondly, this organization aims to promote African culture on campus and in the community. United with other African Student Associations in the North Carolina area, they seek to enlighten and educate others who wish to learn more about the African culture. Through networking with a circle of diverse friends, especially minority organizations on campus, ASO-UNCP intends to break stereotypes through education and leadership.

*Students and others participate in the Powwow hosted by the Native American Student Organization.*



## 1970



**NASO** - Harvey Maynor, Aarika Jacobs, Sarah Freeman, Zachary Bullard, Hanna Bullard, Cheyenne Lee, Dakota Lee, Joshua Oxendine, Jordan Deese, Kayla Kerns, Olivia Spaulding, Mark Richardson, Jessica Markey, Hope Jone, Taylor Locklear, Taylor Smith, Shyanne Scott, Stan Knick, Mattison Oxendine, Becky Goins, Alyssa Jacobs, Mary Scott, Rachel Locklear, April Locklear, Jackee Hunt, Shania Morgan, Krystin Woodell, LeAnn Strickland Melvin, Summer Jacobs, Lawrence Locklear

## 2005



**NAACP**





*ASO members get together for the Involvement Fair.*

*Native American Student Organization members pose in front of Old Main in 1985.*

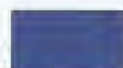


# 2006



**NCNW**

# 2007



**ASO** - Nana Addo, James Amoah, Bernard Boateng, Adaeze Nani, Kadijah Agganie, Isaac Bragg, Emmanuel Quaye, Amber Mcray, Rosine Ishimwe, Leslie Clark, Raven Farmer, Divine Wase, Valerie Odugbal, Sadeja Dove



*Intrigue members recruit new models at the Involvement Fair.*



# 2005

# 2011



**CRU** - Alex Tutts, Shannon Humphrey, Charlamane Suggs, Ashley Coleman, Ashley Evans, Brandon Stephens, Brittany Mason, Carlisa Williams, Chamyrria McNair, Coleman Dove, Dekailah Goodman, Deneisha McAllister, Destiny Chambers, Emily Ferguson, Emily Ann Laws, Francina Abengowe, Grace Davis, Jami Miller, Jonathan Whyte, Jory Swett, Lyric Troy, Michael Smith, Mingyu Liao, Monica Covington, Nicholas-Aaron Barnes, Noah Clark, Robert Canida, Samantha Fearnside, Sarah Beal, Seth Larson, Shelley Green, Sheyanne Magee, Stephanie Tillman, Vincent Stephens, Wanda Oxendine



**Intrigue** - Brianna Adams, Jaliyah Ingram, Joshua Oxendine, Anna Mclean, La'Jay Adams, Amber Lawrence, Rosine Ishimw, bry Crieghton, Brandon Starnes, Cletisha Brenson, Brandon H, Cam Williams, Jaj Watson, Elizabeth McCray, Jael Pembrick, Braithwaite, Chaslyn Stanfield, Jessie Harris





# Community

**T**he purpose of CRU is to fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to win and build others, and helping the Body of Christ do evangelism and discipleship.

The purpose of the Intrigue Modeling Troupe is to foster diversity through hands-on participation in activities providing educational leadership, programs, and services. This organization will assist students with hands-on experience in the various styles of fashion and modeling. This organization seeks to promote personal growth, networking skills, communication skills, and potential for overall success that will lead to developing skills in leadership in different areas.

The purpose of Genshiken is to educate the campus on Japanese visual culture of manga, anime, video games, and fashion. The organization also works with the Livermore Library to encourage reading and research to further knowledge of the Japanese visual culture.

This purpose of the Pre-Law Society is to prepare all students who have an interest in going to law school. They make sure to provide them with multiple avenues to build their resume with volunteer and internship opportunities. They also do scholarship workshops to make sure that all students can make their law school education affordable. Most importantly, they provide LSAT prep and practice test to help each member of the society achieve their highest score possible.

## 2014



**Genshiken Anime Club** - Elizabeth West, David Wise, Ebony Lynch, Emily Hester, Hannah Anderson, Kimberly, Raven White, Reese Hanshaw, Sammie Warren

## 2014



**Pre-law Society** - Bryanna Braithwaite, Carols Gutierrez, Carole Graham, Casasandra Cisneros, Damond Jorney, Deja Rainey, Demetrius Edwards, Haylee Gardner, Jaiya Gillis, Jordin Dicvkerson, Justice Wallace, Kara Atkins, Lauren Gibson, Megan Mills, Michelle Tumes, Nijah Gwehi, Sheena Ibasco, Terrence Jefferies, Tyler Ross, Zasheyana Nicholson



# Academic

**T**he CASW is a university-wide leadership team of student members who value making a positive difference in everyone's life. CASW has been on the campus of UNC Pembroke for over 20 years. They have at least one service project each semester, which in spring 2016 was to improve literacy among children in the community. Their mission is "promoting social work values within the college and surrounding community."

The mission of the National Art Education Association (NAEA) is to educate children and adults about art education and its importance in school systems. Students work in the community and attend events that help prepare them for the important task of teaching children about art and art history.

Lambda Sigma Honor Society is a sophomore honor society that provides second year students with a positive community to continue growing in leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service.

The Chinese Club promotes and fosters learning of Chinese language and culture. A mixture of American and international students, they annually host the Moon Festival and Chinese New Year along with other events. This past Spring semester the club won the Chancellor's Cup, Values Based Leadership Award, Emerging Leader of the Year Award, and the Adviser of the Year Award.

*Dana Reijerkerk and fellow Chinese Club members discuss club affairs.*



## 1980



**Campus Association of Social Workers**

## 1985



**NAEA** - Jessica Wyre, President, Jessica Scott, Co-president, Allyson Watts, Co-vice-president, Amy Ruiz, Secretary, Blackwell, Treasurer, Dr. Tulla Lightfoot, advisor, Jada J., Matthew Bare, Amber Hill, Stirling McKelviem, Brittney





*Lambda Sigma Honor Society members speak with a potential member.*

*NAEA don costumes to pose for their 1985 yearbook group picture.*



# 2009

# 2014



**Lambda Sigma** - Paul Anderson, Joshua Arnold, Noel Bradford, Amelia Brown, Lilia Funez Navarro, Christopher Hassard, Diandra Ingram, Neveen Issa, Kyle Kennedy, Piper Lizak, Berri Locklear, Tenisha McLean, Joshua Oxendine, William Prutzman, Olivia Stevens, Lonna Strider, Jared Tibbs, Jeison Valencia Manuera, Elizabeth Wessinger, Brittany Bowman, Mary Grace Curiale, Kristine Gooch, Cassidy Miles, Courtney Walters, Dinna



**Chinese Club** - Dana Reijerk, Korieana King, Allen Wang, Nancy Dai, Annie Ding, Zoe Dong, Ginalyn Zhang, Bruce Li, Krystal Dean, Maureen Johnston, Katrina Johnson, Eunice Jiang, Stephen Wang, Tom Wang, Tina Liu, AJ Ordillas, Dang Khao Lam, Phung Ha, Linda Ha, Detria Smith, Desiree Wilder, Ericka Santiago-Brodowski, Evelyn Wanjiku, Ferit Ozturk, Frederick Feely, Samone Barmore, Madeleine Smith, Kris Xu, Kyungjun Lee, Kai Hunt, Kadajah Agganie, Marina Feng, Qiana Swan, Onyu Kang, Nhi Dang, Neveen Issa, Michael Brown



*An Army ROTC cadet fills out organization forms.*

*A helicopter brings in high-ranking officers to the 1985 Army ROTC Awards Ceremony.*



# 1983



## Army ROTC





# Service

**A**rmy ROTC seeks to attract, motivate, and prepare selected students to serve as commissioned officers in the active or reserve components of the Army. It provides a practical understanding of the concepts and principles of military science; develops a strong sense of duty, honor, and country; promotes teamwork and individual fitness; and develops an understanding of and appreciation for international relations and national security. Attainment of these objectives prepares students for commissioning and establishes a solid foundation of their professional development and effective performance in the uniformed services or in civilian enterprise.

The Department of Aerospace Studies, otherwise known as Air Force ROTC, prepares select students to become commissioned officers. The unit here is a detachment of unit 607 operating out of Fayetteville State University. ROTC cadets undergo various training exercises to hone their leadership and technical skills to serve as officers in the Air Force. They also conduct PT sessions early in the morning to ensure they maintain a high degree of physical fitness.

*Army ROTC cadets participating in the Student Involvement Fair.*

Students who undergo all four years are well on their way to becoming officers in the Air Force.

## 1983



***Air Force ROTC***



# Scientific

**T**he Biology Club is an organization that is open to UNCP students who have a genuine interest in the natural sciences. Students who join are typically Biology majors, but a major in Biology is not a prerequisite. Previous events include volunteer work at the Carolina Tiger Rescue and volunteering at the Raleigh Natural Science Center during their larger events. They also take part in road side clean ups and conservation clean ups as well.

The primary purpose of the Health Careers Club is to promote awareness and interest in all areas of the health professions and to promote campus and community service projects. Students from any major area of study are encouraged to join so they can explore various health professions and interact with health professionals. The Health Careers Club regular meetings have a guest speaker. Outside of meetings, the Health Careers Club hosts a variety of fundraising and community events and participates in service and job shadowing opportunities.

The purpose of the Esther G. Maynor Student Honors Council is to provide opportunities for honors students. The Student Honors Council plans student events, and through the input of its members, attempts to provide the best possible experience for those in the Honors College.

The mission of the Accounting Students Association is to provide an opportunity for Accounting Club members to expand their academic, professional, and social development through peer interaction, professional engagements, and community service. Their goal is to build unity within the club by fostering lifelong friendships and networks, extending beyond the collegiate career, and inspiring continuous growth and improvement so that members can contribute effectively and ethically to society and their professional environment.



## 1979



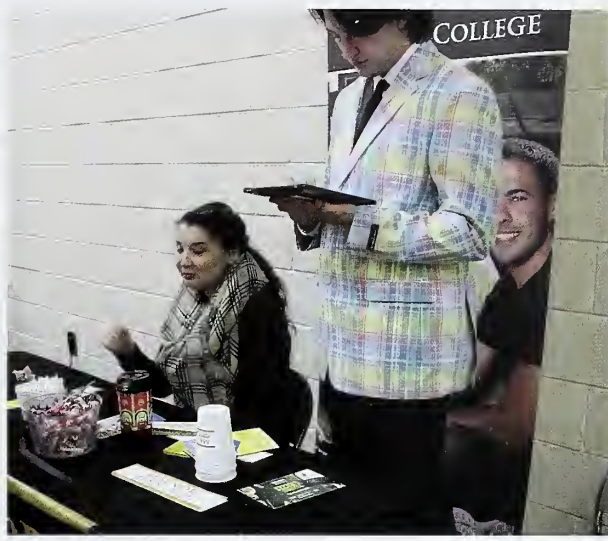
***Biology Club***

## 1983



***Health Careers Club***





The Honors College drums up interest in the Honor Council (center and left).

Biology club members in 1985 participate in lab work.



# 2005

# 2010



**Student Honors Council** - Cassidy Miles, Madison Wil-  
 y, Grace Curiale, Kristine Gooch, Brittany Worley, Christian  
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 r, James Robert Blake, Cora Bright, Caleb Conner, Jordan Mclel-

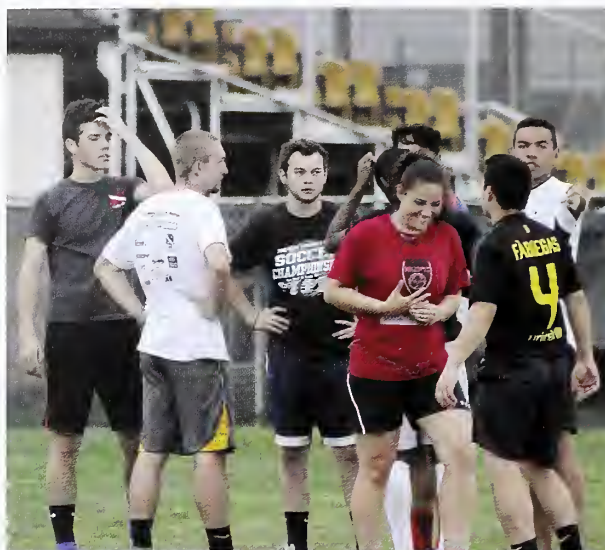


**Accounting Students  
 Association**



*Club soccer members enjoy a practice match.*

*Club cheer members pull off some stunts.*



## 2010



***Men's Club Soccer*** - Tyler Grissett, Andy Moore, Nathan Kenani, Shawn Conboy, Sheldon Brown, Johnny Yang, Ian Cole, Christian Oswalt, Ronald Neal, Cody Norris, Eric Rivera, Josh Elliott, George Rios, Divine Mbah, Bayron perdomo, Daniel Kodjo, Antony Vincent, Troy Lawson, Darrius Suggs, Elmer Alvarez, Cesar Placios, Israel Carreno, Jason Vasquez, Joel Ortiz, Kahra Amaru, Oliver Castrejon, Yannick Elima, Tristan Haddock, Exxon Daniel, Zeph Gaines, Cristopher Canales, Issac Monroe, Miguel





# Physical

**T**he Club Soccer team provides a way for all students to play competitive soccer. Tryouts are held every semester. The club hosts as well as travels to other universities and colleges in the area to play matches. Dues may be asked of players to help cover the costs throughout the year to operate the club (jerseys, travel money, hotels, referee fees, etc.)

*Club cheer members catch a fellow member after a stunt (left), and Club Soccer members hustle to get to the ball during a practice (below).*

Club Cheer #GOLD is here to bring competition cheerleading back to UNCP—one tumble, jump, and stunt at a time.



## 2014



**Co-ed Club Cheer** - Tanna Harney, Shikeyla Alexander, Kaylee Buckley, Kristen Locklear, Heather Johnson, Alyssa Jacobs, Brandy Lockhart, Nyjah Ingram, Jessica Cross, Kayla Oxendine, Kristen Freeman, Alyson Watts, Christian McGougan, Asia Wallace-Barthell, D'Aira Massey, Natavia Morris, Anessa Thompson, Kiera Brown, Chris McIntyre, Jamie Hughes



# Publications

**T**he *Pine Needle* is a student-produced biweekly newspaper. The Editor-in-Chief for 2015-16 was Elizabeth Gagne', assisted by her Managing Editor Tomeka Sinclair. *The Pine Needle* was advised in the fall by Dr. James Bass, and in the spring by Ms. Marybeth Sandell. This year *The Pine Needle* won several individual awards in the annual competition sponsored by the North Carolina Media Association.

The *Indianhead* yearbook is created by and for the students of UNCP. The yearbook strives to create a book that provides an accurate and comprehensive record of all aspects of students' experiences, student life, academics, organizations, sports, and people and that reflects current standards and practices in yearbook content, production, and design. Robert Hamilton served as Editor-in-Chief for a third (and final) year, and the advisor was Sara Oswald, who has guided the yearbook staff since 1988. The yearbook also won several individual awards in this year's North Carolina Media Association competition, including a First Place in Sports Copy for Lauren Blue.

WNCP-TV is the university's student-run television station. It is a part of the Department of Mass Communication. Programs are produced by UNCP students and faculty in classes or as extracurricular productions. These talk shows, newscasts, sports, special event coverage and other videos can be seen on channel 6 on Time Warner Cable in Robeson County.

*The Aurochs* is UNCP's literary magazine. As one of the university's student publications, along with *The Pine Needle* and the *Indianhead*, they are student fee-funded and completely comprised of student work. The magazine consists of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and short stories. This year's Editor-in-Chief was Jack Pevyhouse.

*Pine Needle* Web Editor Brandon Tester works on *The Pine Needle's* website.



## 1946



***Pine Needle*** - Elizabeth Gagne, Tomeka Sinclair, Catherine George, Stefanie Smith, John Hernly, Brandon Tester, Virginia Clynnore, Micah Simpson, Christian Happel, Terrence Jefferies, Jordan Sharpe, Tay Bolitho, Kendall Scott, Alec Maddox, Dylan Commander, Teanna Anderson, Princess Guess, Melanie Murrill, Brandon Blakney, James Hunt, Tia Hadnott, Emil Prezeau, Garlena Grant, Jessica Horne

## 1946



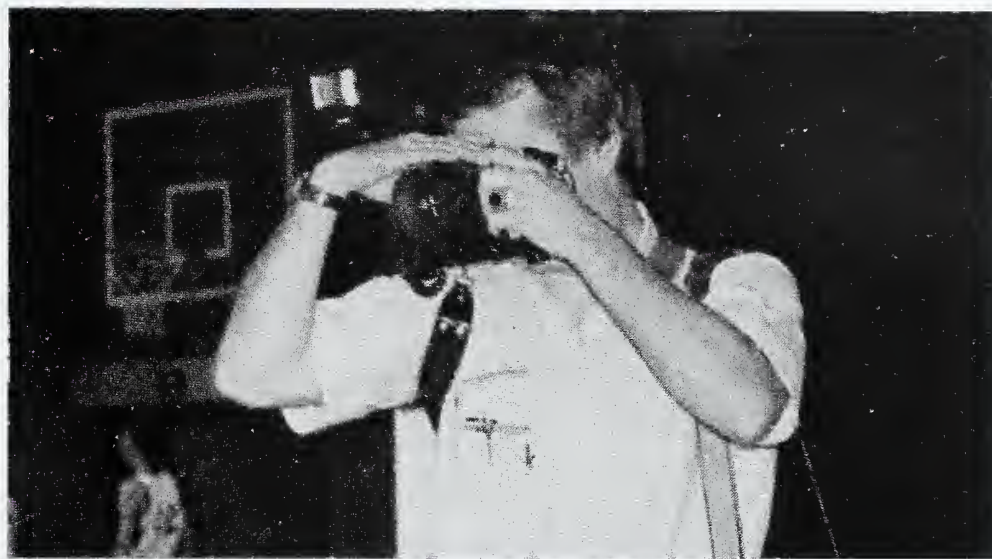
***Indianhead Yearbook*** - Robert Hamilton, Jacki tinez, Anisha McDowell, Shannon Farrell, Christian Happel, Beachum, Donte Harris, Maria Clark, Manny Henderson, lor Diebold, Hilary Hester, Katie Deitrick, Michael Gainey, Deondria Love, Sara Oswald, Shannon Spaulding





Sara Oswald works with Production Editor Anisha McDowell on this year's yearbook.

An Indianhead yearbook photographer in 1985 takes pictures of a basketball game.



# 1985

# 2001



**WNCN-TV**



**The Aurochs** - Jack Pevyhouse, Andrew Alekseev, Alfredo Irra, Alicia Leonard, Aliyah Bryant, Adarian Dewberry, Briana Goins, Celeste Jackson, Jazmyne Jones, Amber McCray, Harvey Maynor, Samantha Terefenko, Quincee Tompkins, Stephen Shane



*Kappa Delta Sisters celebrate bid day in the Hawk's Nest.*

*Zeta Tau Alpha sisters pose for their group picture in 1985.*



# 1973

# 1974



**Kappa Delta**



**Sigma Sigma Sigma** - Cortney Locklear, Erin Snead, Anna Duane King, Kendall Bauer, Dareth Caulder, Kerri Sculler, Kara Stomp, Chloe Guevara, Carrigan Allie Griffin, Annabell Russel, Ashley Evans, Ashley Phillips, Caroline Pridgen, Chandria Boykin, Friedrich, Destiny Kocurek, Dy Vick, Kayla Wibalda, Krystin Hanooman, Rebecca Moran, Candace Destiny Williams, Fredricka Huskey, Gabrielle Petersen, Jazzmin Rowe, Kayla Rowe, Kayla Ke Dutterer, Marcella Bridesdone, Savanna Williams, Ana Alejo, Justice Pevia, Khali Roberson, Makson, Nancy Martinez





# Sisterhood

**T**he Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Kappa Delta are dedicated to inspiring collegiate women to greatness. Their motto is "Let us strive for that which is honorable, beautiful and highest." They seek out confident, strong, passionate, academically successful, service-oriented women who have an eagerness for active membership and leadership.

Tri Sigma believes in outreach within our communities and serving those in need. Their efforts revolve around their commitment to "Sigma Serves Children," as they engage in efforts for the betterment of children around the world. The Delta Theta Chapter at UNCP is proud to have been Greek Week Champions for 2015!

Zeta Tau Alpha's motto is "Seek the Noblest." Their national philanthropy is breast cancer awareness and education. This year Zeta Tau Alpha held their Big Man on Campus event, as well as their annual spaghetti dinner. They also held their Pink Lemonade Stand, and Pink Zumbapalooza event. They won the ZTA crown chapter award, ZTA NC most improved GPA, ZTA NC mission award, and 2014 Sorority of the year.

Alpha Sigma Alpha is recognized for their values and their philanthropic partners—the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation, Special Olympics, S. June. Smith Center, Girls on the Run, Robeson Country Humane Society—and their campaign, "Spread the word to end the word." Within the last year they have received awards for service excellence, Panhellenic spirit, highest Panhellenic GPA, sorority woman of the year, and advisor of the year.

*Tri Sigma sisters Kelsi Dutterer, and Brittany McKeon recruit new members at the invovment fair.*

## 1978



**Zeta Tau Alpha**

## 2014



**Alpha Sigma Alpha** • Morgan Arnold, Katie Ayres, Haley Bain, Cailey Barr, Sydney Battle, Courtney Berkley, Maria Chavez, Dhiya Clark, Hannah Cooper, Marlena Cummings, Amber Dial, Alexis Dawson, Katie Deitrick, Mary Katharine Dudas, Victoria Felicetti, Jillian Flom, Shykeisha Garner, Ana Gudiel, Bianca Haywood, JaKayla Hill, Haley Huggins, Audrey Jaenicke, Monique Jeffries, Liz Krostyne, Jasmine Lipato, Simone Lott, Nicole Marple, Morgan Mayse, Tya McCallum, Shaunee McLaurin, Kaitlin Meares, Andrea Moose, Aubray Morrison, Morgan Pettigrew, Skylar Pryor, Mariam Qanbar, Sarah Qambar, Autumn Scott, Caitlyn Simkin, Sierra Temple, Tybreisha Terry, Megan Tillman, Lyric Troy, Kay Walker, Kayla Watson, Ashley Wheeler, Caitlin Wolfe, Morgan Young



# Greek Life

**F**ounded at UNC-Chapel Hill on Sept. 1, 1994, Alpha Pi Omega Sorority is the country's oldest Native American Greek letter organization. The UNCP Beta Chapter of Alpha Pi Omega was established on November 27, 1996. The Beta Chapter co-founded UNCP's council for Native American Greek organizations, Hok No-sai.

The Delta Gamma Chapter of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority is proud to have become more active on campus. From reaching out to faculty and staff to collaborating with other organizations on campus, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority will continue to represent the universal woman and the principles of Unity, Love, and Respect.

The mission of Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity is to encourage, nurture, and support the art of music and its development on campus. They also aim to unite females who share similar interests. Some recent accomplishments consist of participating in Relay for Life and raising funds to help their many different music philanthropies and grants.

Alpha Sigma Phi is the newest fraternity on campus. Their motto is, "The cause is hidden, the results well-known." They have five philanthropic organizations they support: RAINN, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Homes for our Troops, and the Humane Society.



## 1996



**Alpha Pi Omega** - Alexis Benson, Kaila Chavis, Krissia Deras, Noel Dial, Jasmine Jacobs, Summer Jacobs, Hope Jones, Taylor Locklear, Samantha Malpass, Jessica Markey, Shania McMillian, Mattison Oxendine, Shyanne Scott, Taylor Smith, Krystin Woodell

## 1996



**Lambda Theta Alpha** - Anastacia Alvarez, So Goveo, Angelica Vasquez, Emily Laws





Alpha Sigma Phi brothers (center and left) put on a fundraiser called Pie a Pledge. They can be seen preparing and then doing the fundraiser. Lambda Theta Alpha sisters (below) hold a crossing ceremony in Fall 2015.



# 2006

# 2015



**Alpha Jota** - Adijah Battle, Neferititi Bowman, a Eshelman, Dawn Holowka, Dorianna James, Denesha ter, Alyssa Richardson, Eliza Sheperd, Allison Stontag, Strupe, Tierra Thompson, Katie Wallace, Bryhanna



**Alpha Sigma Phi** - Jonathan Arp, Charlie Bailey, George Bancroft IV, Matthew Beck Jr., Michael Brown, Scott Benke, Patrick Burns, Clay Collier, Jonathan Fernandez, Luke Fulp, David Gazali, Christian Happel, Donte Harris, Brian Haskins, Chris Hiite, Terry Johnson, Nick Kight, Mingyu Liao, Joseph Martinez, ALEX Oxendine, Carlos Parra, Harrison Pegram, Stephen Porter, Daniel Procnier, Justin Rees, Noe Rodriguez, Caleb Smith, Sam Stewart, Brandon Tester, Jeison Valencia, John Ware Jr., Bjorn Wright



# Groups Not Featured

**A**lpha Chi Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, American Indian Science & Engineering Society, Braves Runners, Brave Swimmers, Braves Wrestling Club, Chemistry Club, Chi Sigma Iota, Coed Club Cheer, College Democrats of North Carolina, Colleges Against Cancer (Relay for Life), Criminal Justice Club, CRU, Delta Sigma Omicron, Economics Club, Enactus, Episcopal Lutheran Ministry, FBLA, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, Gay Students and Allies, Geeks and Gamers Guild, Geo Club, Hip-Hop Dance Team, I Am Boss, Impact Movement, International Business Students Club, Jazz Council, Literacy Commons, Mentors Advancing for Distinction and Empowerment, Mixed Martial Arts Club, Nations Movement, Pembroke Paintball Club, Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, Inc., Phi Sigma Nu, Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Club, Public Relations Student Society of America, Resurrection Campus Ministry, Running Club, Secular Student Alliance, Sigma Omicron Epsilon, Students Walking in Faith Together, Swamp Dog Press, Tau Sigma National Honor Society, The Clogging Club, Theta Xi, Ultimate Frisbee Club, University of North Carolina at Pembroke ACM Student Chapter, Water Polo, Women's Club Basketball.



Brothers of Phi Mu Alpha (above) promote their brotherhood at the Involvement Fair; Kara Atkins (right) gets all dressed up for Spanish Club.





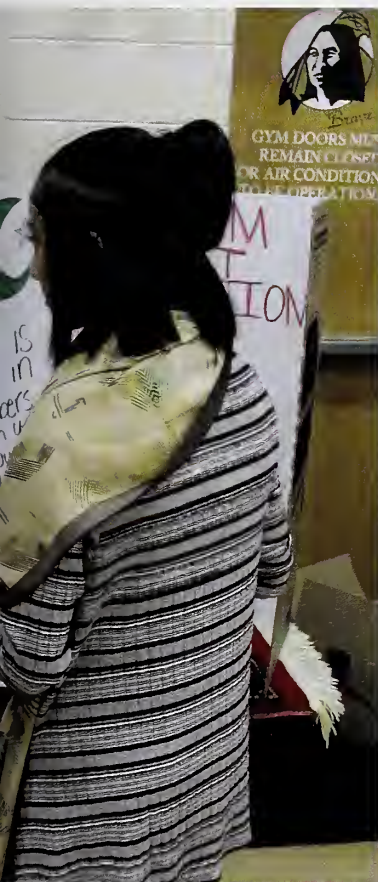


*Kappa Alpha Psi brothers share a laugh at the Involvement Fair.*

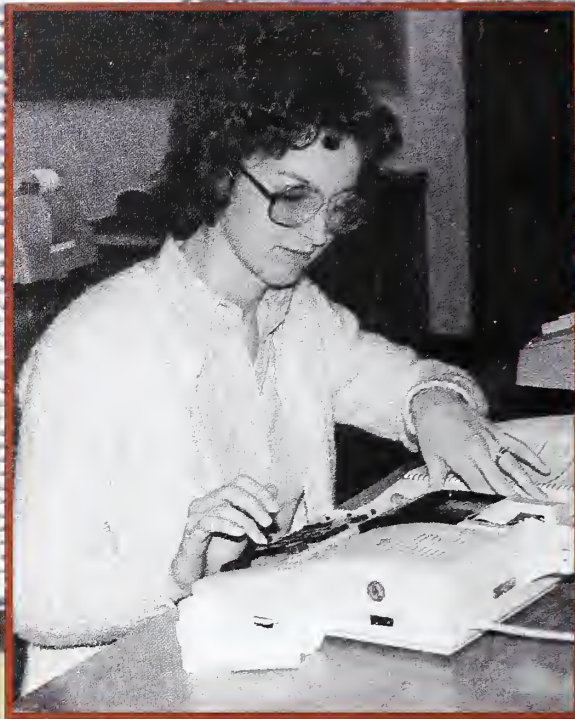
## Get Involved

There are only so many pages in the yearbook, so we do not have the space for all the wonderful groups that are on campus. The yearbook operated on a first-come, first-served basis this year, and the spots went quickly. We kept these two pages to show some of the groups that we were unable to cover. As we all know (and will remember in the future) there was not exactly a lot to do around Pembroke. The nearest decent movie theater was in Hope Mills (around 40 minutes away) and the night life was lacking. Entertainment was not readily available right off campus. We were excited for weeks and it was the buzz of the campus when we got a Bojangles. Taking all that into consideration, getting involved on campus becomes almost a necessity because you can only play video games, watch TV, or study for so long. There were a plethora of Greek groups for us to get involved in and a legion of non-Greek groups. Through these groups we would meet new friends and become more well-versed in the diversity of the school. We would put on events both public and internal. The constant struggle with advertising for events was something that we all dreaded dealing with. That would of course lead us to manning the "tables" in the UC. We would advertise events, sell tickets, fundraise, and more from the tables. Officers would "love" the task of getting people to sign up for this special duty. But through it all, we would bond under these shared experiences and get closer as a group. Organizations had the potential to become your home away from home, the members like your family. You have some members of this family that you like, and some you really, really, don't like. Just like your real family. Or for some of us, this was our first family as we came from difficult pasts. Your life had the potential to revolve around classes and whatever organization you were a part of. We will always have our fond memories of the organizations we were a member of.

*The Muslim Student Association informs the student body about who they are.*







**T**echnology has changed a lot since 1985 (inset) but live interaction between students and professors in the classroom is still an important part of the academic experience.







**O**ne thing that makes UNCP a unique institution is the interactions between students and faculty. We know our professors, and they know our names, which is not something every college student can claim. Inside our classrooms, our student body shines through during class discussions and group projects.

The academic programs in this section are organized by the buildings in which they are housed. Many of these either did not exist in 1985 (Sampson, Health Sciences) or have been expanded (Jones, Oxendine), renovated (Locklear, Moore), or re-purposed (Lowry used to be the bookstore), another indicator of the progress we have made over the past 30 year.

## *ACADEMICS*



# Natural Talent

**T**he Department of American Indian Studies, housed in historic Old Main, planned to take students to an exchange program at the University of Saskatchewan to learn about the history of indigenous people, focusing on how indigenous people keep their traditions and cultures alive. AIS students also participated in service learning projects, such as reading Native American literature to the students at Oxendine Elementary School.

Dr. Emilia Bak and Professor Marybeth Sandell were two new faculty members this year in the Department of Mass Communication, also in Old Main. Student could join clubs such as PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America) and the National Broadcasting Society (NBS); they could also work on UNCP's student-run television station, WNCP-TV.

Another department in Old Main, Geology and Geography, was known for its fun and educational field trips to Yellowstone National Park, also stopping in many other states to look at other geographic sites. The students from the Department of Geology and Geography participated in the Association of American Geography.

Locklear Hall was home to over 120 students studying within the Art Education and Studio Art programs, and it would be an understatement to say that over the past year the department has been busy. They hired a new studio technician, Austin Shepard, and a new Studio Course Instructor, Colleen Ringrose. Additionally, they were in the process of hiring a new Art Education instructor as well as an Animation instructor, which would add a Fundamentals of Animation class to their curriculum. Art Education students Jessica Wyre and Joan Blackwell presented at the National NAEA conference in Chicago this March. Several students were approved for grants, including UNCP's own PURC Undergraduate Creativity grant.

Moore Hall housed classrooms, rehearsal space, and an auditorium where Music students gave concerts and senior recitals.



**M**usic students in 2016 assemble their instruments as they prepare for class to start (above); students in 1985 prepare to perform in the PSU Concert Choir (left).



**K**upper Weeks is hard at work in the Broadcasting lab (center); Professor Walls supervises a student learning to weld in Locklear Hall's sculpture yard (below).





# Need a Hand?

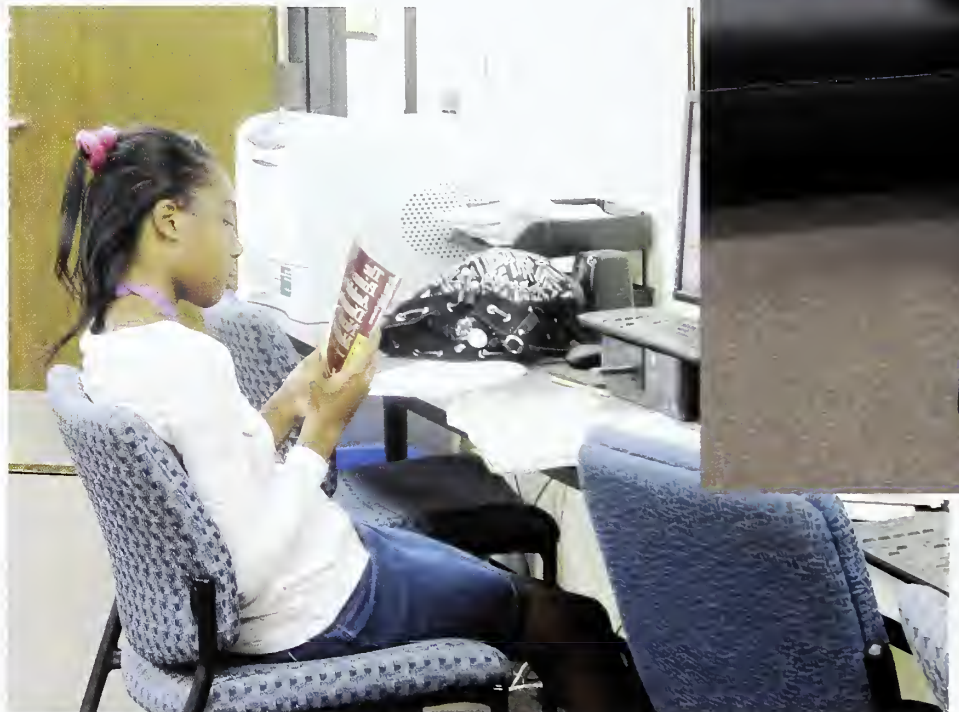
**T**he University Writing Center, located in the D.F. Lowry Building, was the place many students went to for help with a variety of assignments, especially writing or starting essays. Kenley Patanella, a Writing Center tutor, noted that students could come “with absolutely nothing or a full blown paper. Either way, the Writing Center is here to help.” Students could either make an appointment ahead of time or just show up at the Writing Center. Dr. Michael Berntsen served as Interim Director in 2015-16.

Several other offices that assisted students were also housed in the Lowry Building. The Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) provided a wide range of services and accommodations for students covered under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA). The Academic Support Center provided a support system through numerous programs and activities such as tutoring, mentoring, Striving Towards Academic Recovery, and the Emerging Scholars Program. The College Opportunity Program was a learning community to assist freshmen in their transition from high school to college; COP students shared the same courses and participated in learning experiences to promote character development and team building skills. The Advising Center supported students who were deciding on a major or in transition between majors; New Student Orientation and First Year Initiatives for first year and transfer students, NC-HCAP, Freshman Seminar, and Transfer Seminar were coordinated through this office.

The Honors College welcomed Dr. Teagan Decker as assistant dean this fall; Dr. Decker had previously been Director of the Writing Center. An orientation styled after *The Amazing Race* introduced new members to campus. Honors College students attended a cookout in the fall with the Chancellor, and some also travelled to the SRHC Conference in Orlando. Asked about his Honors College experience, Christian Ryckley said, “I appreciate the diversity it exposed me to, and the openness.”

Writing Center

Waiting Area



**A** student in 2016 works on homework in the D.F. Lowry Writing Center (above); a student in 1985 works in the PSU computer lab (left).



One student types up a paper in the Writing Center (center), while another student receives help on a paper from a writing tutor (below).





# Explore

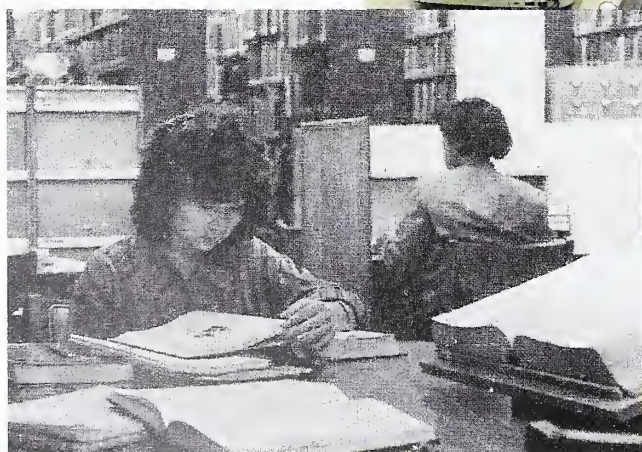
**I**n the Oxendine Science Building, the Department of Chemistry and Physics will have a new faculty member, Dr. Benjamin Killian, joining the department. Many undergraduate students do research through the REU Program, RISE, NC Space Grant, and PURC. They also do CSHP at the hospital in Lumberton. Dr. Bill Brandon, Dr. Paul Flowers, Dr. Len Holmes, Dr. Tom Dooling, and Dr. Cornelia Tirla have worked with many undergraduate students with their research programs. Students have also had the opportunity to do internships at graduate schools like Harvard and in the MED program at UNC Chapel Hill, which leads the students to go to medical school. Dr. Paul Flowers received an NIH grant this year, and Dr. Len Holmes had numerous articles published in the area of biotechnology.

The Department of Political Science had the pleasure of adding two new faculty members, Dr. Gary Anderson and Tracy Cooper, this academic year. The department was always planning study abroad trips that students could take part in. During the Fall of 2015 Dr. Kirill Bumin and Dr. Kevin Freeman took a group of students to Japan, and in the Spring of 2016 they planned to take a group of students to Berlin, Germany. The department also has an award-winning Model United Nations class. Dr. Robert Schneider has published a book on emergency management and climate change.

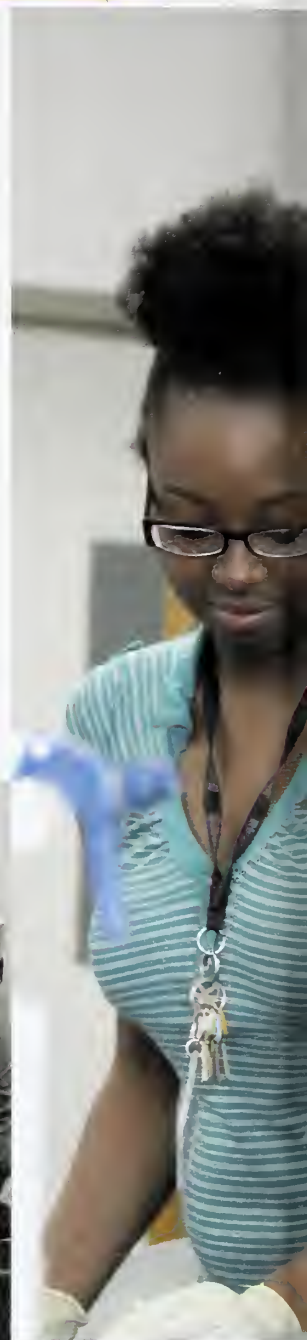
Students in the Biology Department planned on going to the Bermuda Institute of Ocean sciences for a marine biology course. The Biology Club planned trips to the zoo and to Raleigh for a science conference, and there were quite a few places that students seemed to be interested in when it comes to study abroad.

Students in the Mathematics and Computer Science Department have always been active in their community by working at different businesses for internships. This year the Mathematics and Computer Science Department put on their 35th annual Mathematics Competition for high school students.

Close by Oxendine Science is the Mary Livermore Library, which provided academic support and resources for students and faculty in all departments.



**T**wo students in 2016 are using their laptops in a private study room in the Mary Livermore Library (above); PSU students get some research done the old-fashioned way at the study tables in the library in 1985 (left).





**T**wo students work together on a biology lab assignment (center), while others receive instruction from a professor during lab (below).





# You're Approved

**T**he Department of Accounting and Finance had the pleasure of an old faculty member, Dr. Craig Shoulders, returning to the department in the fall of 2015 as a professor. The year 2015 also marked a new name for the department, which in the past was referred to as Accounting and Information Technology Management. The department chair, Dr. Stephen Bukowy, said, "We're the best department around." He also said that he was very proud of the academic team, as they were one of three finalists in the Association of Government Accountants National Financial Case Challenge.

This year the Department of Economics and Decision Sciences introduced some new programs and courses. Non-business students are now able to minor in Quantitative Economics. Some new undergraduate courses introduced recently were Industrial Organization, Mathematical Economics, and Introduction to Econometrics. New graduate courses introduced recently were Industry Structure and Competitive Strategy, Global Macroeconomics, and Information of Economics. Every spring the department organizes field trips and takes students to the Federal Reserve Banks. In fall of 2015, the department established a new chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the International Honor Society in Economics, and inducted four students who excelled in economics courses.

Management, Marketing, and International Business, also known as MMIB, had five new faculty members this academic year, including Ms. Christine Bell, an Executive in Residence for Internships, and Dr. Melissa Mann and Dr. Si Ahn Mehng, who joined the faculty as assistant professors. The Department also welcomed a visiting scholar, Dr. Gaye from Turkey. The student organization received a grant to help women in Lumberton to get back into the work force; the students will help with résumés, mock interviews, and clothing.

In Spring 2016, Dr. Barry O'Brien, a UNCP alumnus, was selected as the new Dean of the School of Business, a position he previously held at Francis Marion University.



**C**heerful students work together on an in-class assignment (above); a hard working business student is doing homework for Office Machines, a class offered in 1985 (left).



**A** business student gives a presentation in class (center); a group of students discuss an assignment (below) while waiting for class to start.





# Performance

The Theatre program prepared students for careers on stage and backstage; a numbers of plays and musicals were staged each year in the Givens Performing Arts Center (GPAC) to provide experience to the students who participated and entertainment for their audiences. Auditions were mostly open to anyone, not just Theatre majors. This year's productions included Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and *Scapin*, a modern take on a classic by the French playwright Moliere. The GPAC also housed workshop space for students working on sets and costumes for upcoming productions, as well as a studio theatre used to present student-directed performances. A production of Lynn Ahrens's *Once on This Island*, directed by Carolanne Marano, was scheduled for the studio theatre in April 2016. When asked about her experiences in the department, Theatre minor Angel Howley quoted these lines from Willem Dafoe: "Great theatre is about challenging how we think and encouraging us to fantasize about a world we aspire to."

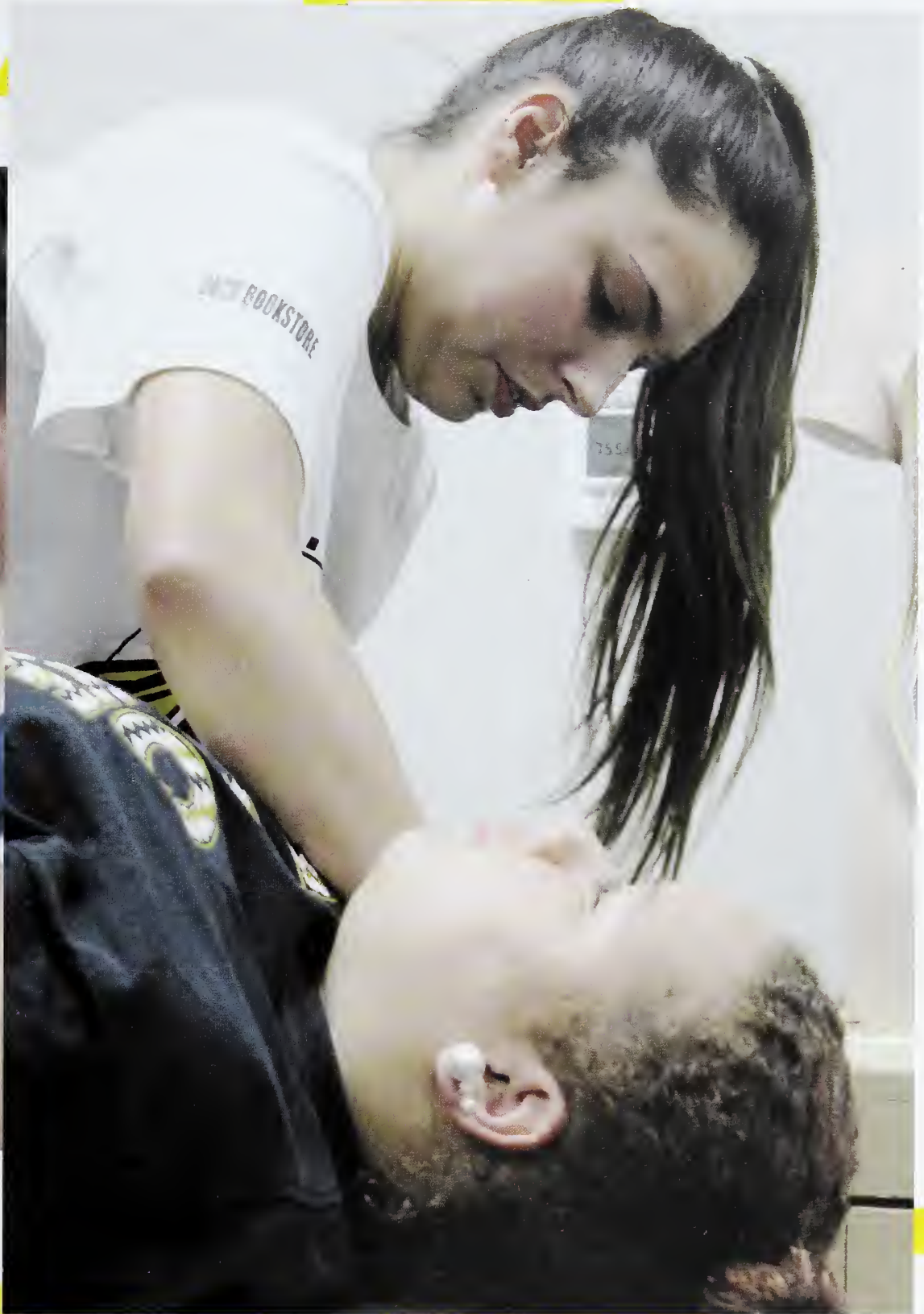
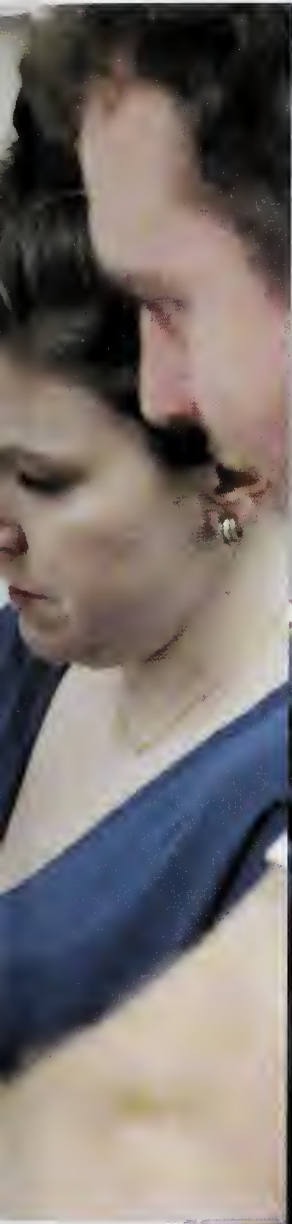
In the Jones Center, the Department of Health and Human Performance (formerly known as Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, or HPER) aimed to provide a comprehensive academic program in health, physical education, and recreation for students who planned to pursue one of these fields as a profession. This department offered students a choice of many different majors, including licensure programs in Physical Education for prospective teachers and in Athletic Training. They also offered a wide variety of PE courses for students to take as part of their General Education requirements. Students taking classes like racquetball, water aerobics, and weight training were provided with special rooms designed for the sports, a pool to exercise in, and a gym to lift weights. This department sponsored a number of events raising money for charities, like the volleyball program's fundraiser during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Serving as Interim Chair of the department in 2015-16 was Dr. Bryan Winters, following the retirement of longtime chair Dr. Tommy Thompson in the summer of 2015.



Theatre students (above) from Professor David Underwood's Stage Combat class in 2016 practice fencing; students in 1985 (left) perform in *Crimes of the Heart*, one of that year's student productions.



**T**heatre professor Lauren Roark (center) demonstrates sewing techniques for a student in the university costume shop; an athletic training student (below) practices stretching techniques with a classmate.



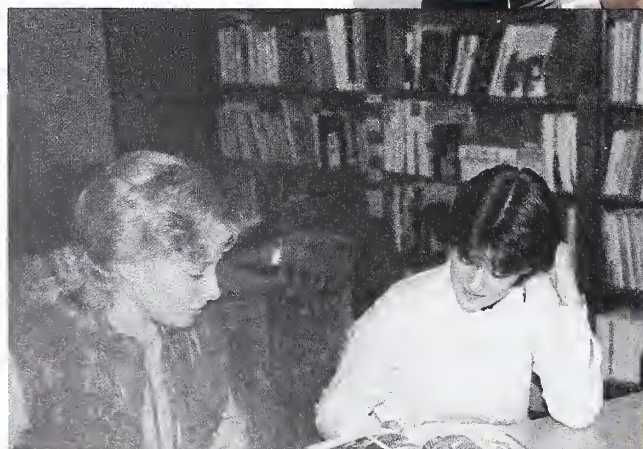


# Learn to Teach

**T**he English program, housed on the first floor of the Dial Building, welcomed three new faculty members: Hannah Baggot, Sara Boissonneau, and Virginia Garnett. Up on the second floor, Foreign Languages added Milagros López-Fred to their faculty, and some students took a study trip to Spain during Spring Break. The Foreign Languages program worked to unite different cultures and, through UNC-Exchange, to offer students the change to learn languages like French, Chinese, Portuguese, and Russian. There was a new Spanish Language Student Organization this year called OLÉ, which strived to assist with the academic development of not only UNCP but surrounding communities.

Also on the second floor of Dial, the History Department gained two new professors this year: Dr. Serina Cinnamon, the new SSE coordinator, and Dr. Courtney Campbell. Dr. Robert Brown stepped down after 20 years as chair and Dr. Jeffrey Frederick succeeded him. Dr. Jaime Martinez worked with several departments on a special presentation called Harlem Renaissance Songs and Stories, and Dr. Ryan Anderson published a book entitled *Frank Merriwell and the Fiction of All-American Boyhood: The Progressive Era Creation of the Schoolboy Sports Story*.

The School of Education strived to instill knowledge and professionalism needed for each student to become successful in their educational careers upon graduation. Programs of study included preparation to serve as a counselor in addition to teacher preparation. Many courses were enriched with valuable hands-on experiences for the students through field experience and service learning requirements. "My favorite class during my time in the education department here at UNCP was taught by Dr. Laura Staal. I loved it because she encouraged creativity and self-confidence in her students rather than breeding conformity and judgment," said Katelyn Stanley, a senior in the School of Education. Sometimes a particular person can make all the difference. Therefore, the retirement of Betty Brown, the Department Chair of Educational Specialties, and Karen Stanley, the Dean of the School of Education, will likely bring changes in the future.



**J**avier Carranza and classmates participate in outdoor activities for one of their education classes in 2016 (above); students in 1985 (left) study in the Curriculum Library in the Education Building.



**T**eamwork makes the dream work, as Education students (center) participate in a fun educational project to prepare themselves for teaching jobs; other Education students (below) also work together on an in-class assignment.





# Meditation

With the growing number of pre-licensure BSN students, RN-BSN students and MSN students, several new faculty members have recently joined the Department of Nursing, housed in the Health Sciences. These included Dr. William J. Puentes, Dr. Connie Mullinix, Dr. Deborah Hummer, Ms. Emerald Bilbrew, and Ms. Cynthia M. Woodrup. Both undergraduate and graduate nursing students were involved in community engagement and service learning activities. Throughout the curriculum, one will find nursing students doing health screenings and providing health educational programs throughout the region.

In Sampson, the Department of Psychology had no new faculty this academic year but were searching for a new faculty member with expertise in Developmental Psychology. Some Psychology majors got the chance to work with faculty on their research. In the last year, professors Ashley Allen, Kelly Charlton, William Collier, Rachel Morrison, Shilpa Pai Regan, and Erik Tracy saw their scholarly work presented in multiple venues, including national conferences, book chapters, and peer-reviewed journal articles.

Also in Sampson, the Department of Philosophy and Religion added a new course this year, Sects, "Cults," and New Religions, taught by Professor Susan Ulrich. During the spring, the department planned to take students from the Advanced Studies in Middle Eastern Religions course to see the Hindu Temple in Fayetteville. Dr. Sharon Mattila published articles with Fortress Press, and Dr. Motti Inbari published a book, *Jewish Radical Ultra-Orthodoxy Confronts Modernity, Zionism, and Women's Equality*.

The final department in Sampson, Sociology and Criminal Justice, welcomed two new faculty members, Elizabeth Reiter and Yawo Bessa, this academic year. The department held a Human Trafficking conference that students were able to attend, and faculty members and students collected canned goods to give to people in need,



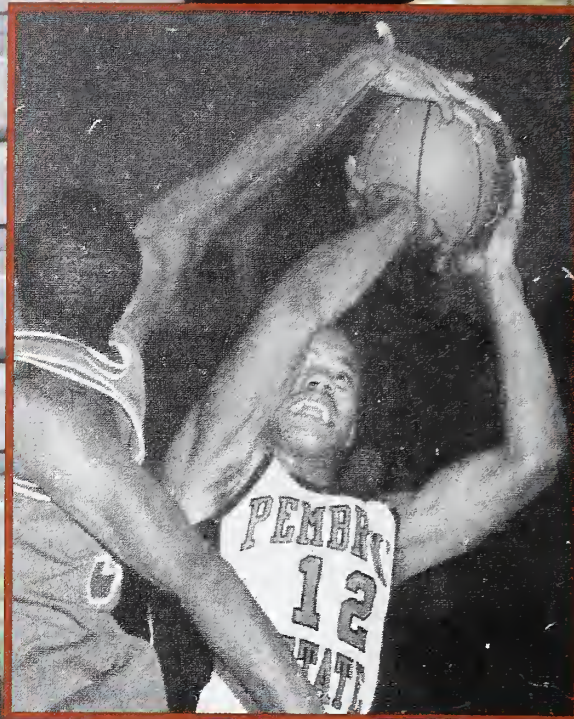
In the Health Sciences building, these students (above) attend a group study session in 2016; students attentively take notes in this 1985 religion class (left).



**S**tudents in this Sampson classroom (center) take notes during a lecture; a student nurse (below) bandages up a wound of a patient.







Possession is key in basketball. Ryan Tuck of the 1985 Braves (inset) strains to maintain possession and make his shot. Brandon Watts of the 2015-16 Braves keeps hold of the ball as he looks to pass it off to a teammate.







**O**ur Athletics programs went through some changes this year, as Men's Golf and Women's Tennis played their final seasons in Spring 2015, being replaced by expanded indoor Track & Field in the fall and a new Aquatics program, featuring Swimming and Diving, which would begin competition in 2016-17.

But the support of the fans did not change, as they continued to fill the stadium for football and the gym for basketball, as well as cheering for soccer, volleyball, wrestling, and volleyball—including a special cheer for our Men's Cross Country team, which won the Peach Belt Conference Championship in Fall 2015.

***SPORTS***



**T**he Braves catcher (right) stands behind the plate and returns the ball to the mound after the opposing batter fails to connect.

**T**eammates (below) come out of the dugout to celebrate after a successful play.



## Batter Up!

**L**ady Braves Softball swept both games of double-headers against USC Aiken on April 17 and at Mt. Olive on April 21 to cap a winning season in 2015, finishing at .553 with 26 wins and 21 losses. This was their first winning regular season since 2010. Although they were 8-16 against Peach Belt Conference opponents, the team won its second straight PBC Team Sportsmanship Award. Senior Brea Hartley ended her career with numerous accolades, including spots on the All-PBC Team, the NCCSIA All-State Team, and several All-Region teams. Ha-leigh Epperson was also named to the All-State Team, Taylor Gerhart to the All-PBC Team, and Selena Ashley and Whitney Jackson to the PBC All-Academic Team.

**T**his Lady Braves batter (right) keeps her eyes on the oncoming pitch, hoping to get a hit.





**T**he pitcher (left) completes her windup and gets ready to release the ball, hoping for a strike.

**T**his infielder (below) has her glove in place to catch the ball and tag the opposing player out.



**Softball**—Caitlin Steel, Dakota Leviner, Selena Ashley, Carleigh Brooks, Whitney Jackson, Taylor [unclear], D'Andrea Spinks, Megan Hillard, Toni Nelson, Lexie Coxe, Morgan Davis, Kaytee Wilson, Miah [unclear], Katie Saunders, Jamie Johnson, Haleigh Epperson, Karlee Wilson, Brea Hartley, Head Coach: [unclear] Bennett, Assistant Coach: Kristen Hobbs, Volunteer Assistant Coach: Neil Smith, Athletic Train- [unclear] Ausborn

## 2015 Softball

UNCP		Opp.
10	Kutztown	13
3	Concord	6
6	Winston-Salem State	0
7	Pfeiffer	2
4	Coker	3
3	St.Andrews	0
9	St.Andrews	3
4	Mars Hill	2
6	Mars Hill	4
9	Catawba	1
4	Catawba	13
0	Lander	5
13	Lander	5
6	Wingate	5
1	Wingate	1
6	Coker	5
3	Coker	5
4	Georgia Southwestern	9
10	Georgia Southwestern	2
2	Chowan	1
8	Chowan	5
3	North Georgia	8
2	North Georgia	5
4	Young Harris	5
2	Young Harris	11
3	St.Andrews	0
6	St.Andrews	4
2	Montevallo	4
2	Montevallo	3
9	Winston-Salem State	1
12	Winston-Salem State	5
4	Augusta	5
8	Augusta	10
2	Georgia College	3
5	Georgia College	11
2	Columbus State	0
4	Columbus State	3
1	Francis Marion	0
4	Francis Marion	8
2	Armstrong State	3
6	Armstrong State	7
4	Flagler	3
1	Flagler	3
6	USC Aiken	5
7	USC Aiken	5
9	Mount Olive	1
3	Mount Olive	1



**T**his Braves pitcher (right) sends the ball arcing toward the plate, hoping to deceive the batter and get a strike.

**A** Braves outfielder (below) shields his eyes so he can keep the ball in sight and catch it for another out.

## 2015 Baseball

UNCP		Opp.
11	Anderson	5
6	Anderson	5
11	St. Augustine's	5
13	Pitt.-Johnstown	7
14	Pitt.-Johnstown	5
21	Pitt.-Johnstown	7
22	Pitt.-Johnstown	4
13	Columbus State	9
16	Columbus State	15
5	Columbus State	2
7	Montevallo	6
4	Montevallo	5
8	Montevallo	12
6	Shippensburg	5
8	Shippensburg	5
16	St. Andrews	4
5	Flagler	7
5	Flagler	18
2	Flagler	3
13	Coker	8
3	North Georgia	1
1	North Georgia	6
8	North Georgia	7
5	Erskine	10
15	Georgia Southwestern	0
12	Georgia Southwestern	2
15	Georgia Southwestern	3
20	Coker	5
12	Young Harris	1
12	Young Harris	5
8	Young Harris	1
11	Wingate	7
6	USC Aiken	24
8	USC Aiken	3
9	USC Aiken	13
9	Catawba	2
12	Francis Marion	17
6	Francis Marion	5
21	Francis Marion	8
13	Barton	8
12	Barton	4
9	Lander	4
24	Lander	9
14	Lander	11
11	St. Andrews	10
7	Augusta	8
0	Augusta	4
7	Augusta	5
9	Wingate	8
9	Columbus State	6
6	Armstrong State	7

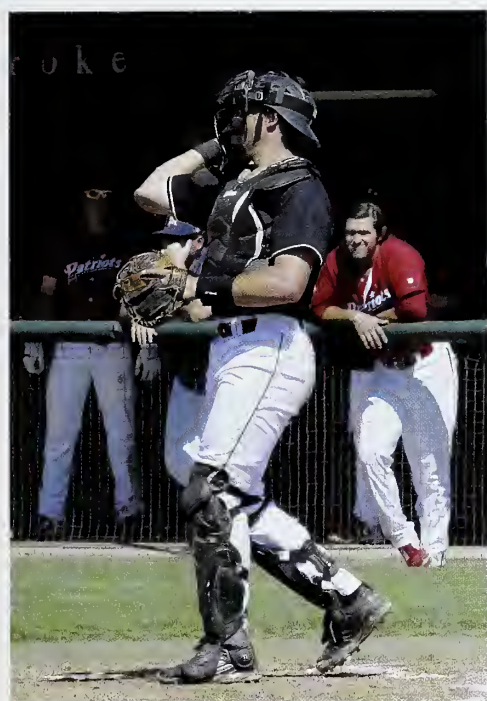


**2015 Baseball**—Ben Schmucker, Brandon Estrain, Alex Britt, Chad Whitehead, Victor Zecca, Zaden Dalton, Dalton Knight, Austin Hill, Trent Hansley, Drew Beaver, Drew Cole, Daniel Batts, Jordan Delton, Nick Hayes, Collins Cuthrell, Connor Pratt, Logan Cook, Zach Andrews, Jimmie Davis, Ashton Cody Adkins, Justin Pegrarn, Landon Biggs, Chris Stewart, Andy Sullivan, Spenser Ramsey, Codyman, Tyler Holt, Wes Helsabeck, Wiley Jackson, Billy Vaughn, Nolan Pierce, Emmitt Herring, Ryan year, Christian Snider, Trace Hagler, Willie Nastasi, Head Coach: Paul O'Neil, Assistant Coach: Jefferson, Assistant Coach: Alex Pearce, Assistant Coach: Daniel Britt, Athletic Trainer: Danny L



# Hit and Run

**T**he baseball Braves were on a roll during their 2015 season. The team strung together five runs in the first inning behind a quality start from junior Logan Cook to win their season opener for the eighth-straight year with an 11-5 victory over Anderson on January 31 at Sammy Cox Field. They went on to win 38 games overall, against only 13 losses, to end the season at .745. This was the eleventh straight season in which the Braves had won at least 30 games. Strong pitching was complemented by powerful hitting, as the team scored 520 runs, including 72 home runs, and compiled a team batting average of .353. The Braves also excelled in conference play, with 19 wins and 11 losses. Unfortunately, a solo homer in the bottom of the ninth gave 15th-ranked Armstrong State a 7-6 victory over 11th-ranked UNCP in the semifinal round of the Peach Belt Conference Tournament, knocking the Braves out of the PBC championship game.



Postseason awards were many. Senior shortstop Zade Denton was one of just 34 student-athletes nationwide to be decorated with Capital One Academic All-America recognition. Senior Collins Cuthrell was named a first team all-American by Rawlings and the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA); he also earned a spot on the 2015 Daktronics All-America Team. Cuthrell and Denton both added their names to a prestigious list of former UNC Pembroke baseball players as the standout infielders were selected to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) All-America Team. They were joined by Ben Schmucker among 16 players selected to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings All-Southeast Region Team. Denton and sophomore Drew Beaver both earned a spot on the Peach Belt Conference Baseball All-Academic Team, and six players were decorated with all-

**T**he catcher (left) relays the ball back to his pitcher as opposing players look on.

state honors by the North Carolina Collegiate Sports Information Association.



**T**his Braves batter (left) shows form and power as he follows through with his swing.

**A**n infielder (above) gloves the ball just as the opponent slides into the base.



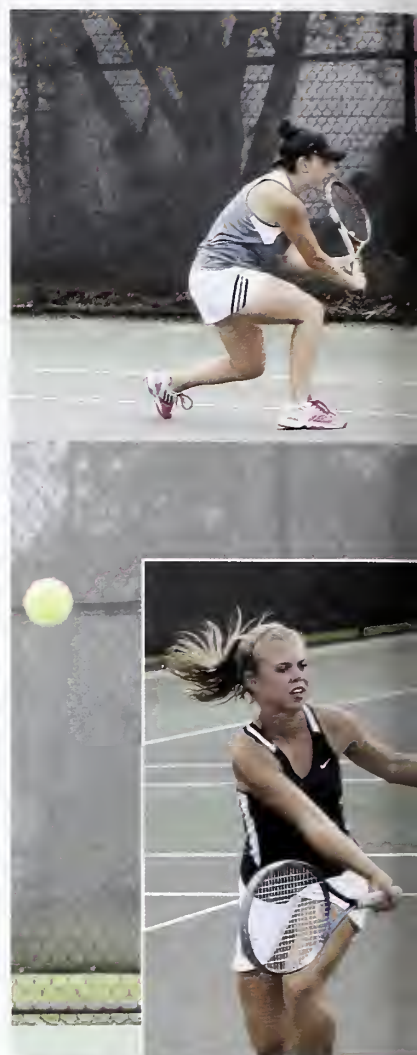
# Final Set ... Last Hole

Spring 2015 marked the final seasons for our women's tennis and men's golf programs, as UNCP Athletics prepared for the introduction of new sports. Women's tennis was first introduced in 1974, removed in 1992, and reinstated in 1996, with Robin Langley serving as Head Coach from 2000 through 2015. Men's golf had an even longer history, beginning in 1967 under the leadership of Lacey Gane, who alternated with Ray Pennington as Head Coach for several decades before finally retiring in 1995; David Synan served as Head Coach from 2006 through 2015. Among many post-season honors over the years, our men's golf team won the Peach Belt Championship in 2012 and went on to finish 10<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA National Championship that year.

Women's tennis finished their Spring 2015 season with six wins against 15 losses. The Lady Braves fought hard against tough competition, especially from Peach Belt Conference opponents, and were honored with the 2015 PBC Team Sportsmanship Award. Highlights of the season included a 7-2 win against conference opponent Georgia Southwestern in February and two 9-0 sweeps against Davis & Elkins and Ashland during the Spring TennisFest at Hilton Head, SC, in March. Robin Langley received PBC Coach of the Year honors, and senior Monica Espitia was named to the Capital One/CoSIDA Academic At-Large All-District team. Espitia was joined by three other team members, seniors Shelby Bickel and Leigh-Anne McAfee and sophomore Gabriela van Oostroom, on the 2015 PBC Women's All-Academic Team.

The men's golf team ended their last season with a strong second-place finish at The Trojan before finishing eleventh in the rain-shortened PBC Championships, both in April. Sophomore J.C. McFayden was named to the 2015 PBC Men's Golf All-Conference team, and senior Trent Cloninger and sophomore Riley Davis were named to the 2015 PBC Men's Golf All-Academic team. Coming off some strong showings in the fall of 2014, when they took first place in the Cutter Creek Invitational and came from behind to tie for second in the Matt Dyas Invitational, the men began their final spring season with a fourth-place finish at the Spring Kickoff Intercollegiate in February. March 2015 events featured strong individual performances by Davis, who finished in the top five at the Cliffs Intercollegiate, and McFayden, who earned individual medalist honors at the Campbell Oil/Sunoco Classic.

Women's golf remained on the UNCP Athletics roster for 2015-16, following a Spring 2015 season in which they achieved national ranking and a fifth-place finish in the PBC Championships. Laura Bird was named to the 2015 PBC Women's Golf All-Conference team, Dana Watkins was named to the Capital One Academic All-District At-Large team, and she and Rebecca Mirovich earned All-American Scholar honors from the Women's Golf Coaches Association.



*2014-15 Men's Golf—Lewis Adams (Co-Captain), Jake Britt, Trent Cloninger (Co-Captain), Riley Davis, Matt Elliott, Hunter McCombs, Alex McFadyen, J.C. McFadyen, Patrik Merckell, Phillip Pearson, Jacob Thomas, Head Coach: David Synan, Assistant Coach: Juanita Rico, Assistant Coach: Drew MacBean, Athletic Trainer: Ashley Ausborn*





**2015 Women's Golf**—Laura Bird (Co-Captain), da Levy, Gabby Milam, Rebecca Mirovich, Thompson, Savannah Thompson, Dana Wat-Co-Captain), Head Coach: David Synan, Asst Coach: Juanita Rico, Assistant Coach: Drew ean, Athletic Trainer: Ashley Ausborn



**2015 Tennis**—Hannah Ammons, Shelby Bickel, Monica Espitia, Leigh-Anne McAfee, Morgan Sheehan, Gabriela van Ooststroom, Kelsey Vanquaethem, Head Coach: Robin Langley, Assistant Coach: Jenna McGary, Athletic Trainer: Rose Bussey

## 2015 Tennis

UNCP		Opp.
8	Converse	1
4	Coker	5
6	Chowan	3
7	Georgia Southwestern	2
0	Columbus State	9
9	Davis & Elkins	0
0	Armstrong State	9
9	Ashland	0
3	Montevallo	6
4	Newberry	5
4	Mount Olive	5
3	Francis Marion	6
2	Clayton State	7
7	Barton	2
0	Georgia College	9
1	Augusta	8
0	Flagler	9
1	Young Harris	8
1	North Georgia	8
0	USC Aiken	9
3	Lander	6

## 2014-15 Men's Golf

Cutter Creek Invitational	1st
Jay Jennison Memorial	13th
AFLAC/Cougar Invitational	6th
UWG Matt Dyan Invitational	T-2nd
St. Andrews Fall Invitational	NTS
Spring Kick-Off Intercollegiate	4th
Bobcat Intercollegiate	17th
Cliffs Intercollegiate	4th
Campbell Oil/Sunoco Classic	T-6th
The Trojan	2nd
PBC Championships	11th

## 2014-15 Women's Golf

Ross Resorts Invitational	7th
Lady Bearcat Invitational	9th
Tusculum Fall Classic	1st
Kiawah Island Intercollegiate	6th
Lady Cougar Classic	4th
Lady Pirate Invitational	11th
Hilton Head Lakes Invitational	1st
Wingate Intercollegiate	T-4th
PBC Championships	5th



## 2015 Men's Track & Field

JDL College Kick-Off Classic	NTS
Hilton Garden Invitational	NTS
Vince Brown Invitational	NTS
UCS Invitational	NTS
UNCW Seahawk Invitational	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Craddock Carolina Relays	NTS
Raleigh Relays	NTS
VertKlasse Meeting	NTS
Aggie Invitational	NTS
Peach Belt Championship	3 <sup>rd</sup>
App State Outdoor Open	NTS
UNF East Region Preview	NTS

## 2015 Women's Track & Field

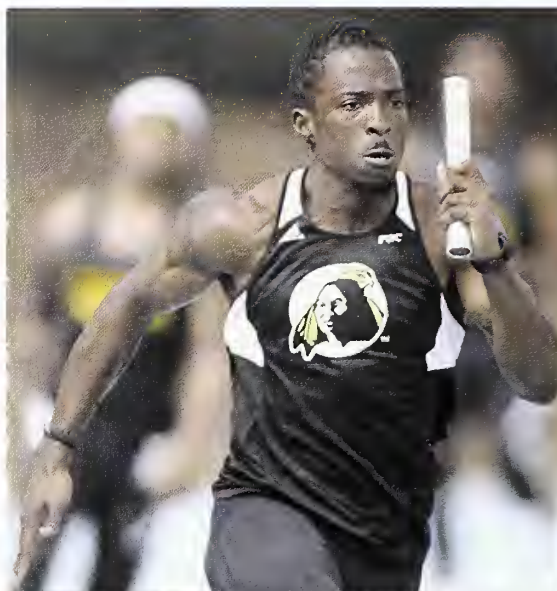
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Aggie Invitational	NTS
Peach Belt Championship	3 <sup>rd</sup>
App State Outdoor Open	NTS
UNF East Region Preview	NTS

## 2015 Men's Cross Country

USC Upstate Eye Opener	1 <sup>st</sup>
North Georgia Invitational	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bulldog Stampede	17 <sup>th</sup>
Royals Cross Country Challenge	7 <sup>th</sup>
Peach Belt Championship	1 <sup>st</sup>
Division II Southeast Regionals	4 <sup>th</sup>

## 2015 Women's Cross Country

USC Upstate Eye Opener	1 <sup>st</sup>
North Georgia Invitational	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Royals Cross Country Challenge	11 <sup>th</sup>
Peach Belt Championship	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Division II Southeast Regionals	11 <sup>th</sup>



**2015 Cross Country—Men:** Nebiyon Aynu, Micah Baldwin, Broderick Bauguess, Kellen Corson, Haynie, Joel Johnston, Jonathan Martin, Matthew Martin, Yuri Moore, Nate Nash, Wilson Pearson, than Pollard, Matt Reith, A.J. Sayers-O'Neill, Tim Sigmon, Blaine Thomas, Logan Ward, Spencer W Jordan Wilson; **Women:** Kyndal Boykin, Kristin Cain, Savannah Fornshell, Kristin Garner, Cath George, Olivia Lowman, Morgan Sheehan, Brenna Sifford, Lea Tardanico, Emily Vance, Head C Peter Ormsby, Athletic Trainer: Dawn Brown



# First and Third



**B**oth the men's and women's Track and Field teams finished third at the 2015 Peach Belt Conference Championships, and Head Coach Peter Ormsby was named PBC Men's Track and Field Coach of the Year. Senior sprinter Shaquille Ray won the 100m dash finals on the last day of the PBC Championships, capping a 2014-15 season of top-ten finishes at 60m, 100m, and 200m in multiple meets. The Lady Braves broke school records throughout their season, including a new record in javelin for graduating senior Hana Metzinger.

In the fall, our cross country squads started off with first-place finishes in the USC Upstate Eye Opener on September 4, with team and individual successes in the meets that followed. The men finished first in the PBC Championships, while the women placed third, before ending the season at the Southeast Regional NCAA Division II Championships in November.



**2015 Men's Track and Field—**  
Nebiyon Aynu, Micah Baldwin, Elijah Boyce, Brandon Bulla, Jaylin Counts, Alan Cruz, Jamar Davis, George Dial, Chris DuChateau, Terron Eldridge, Brett Godwin, Curtis Haynie, Zeke Hoggs, Onaje Humbert, Jamel Jefcoat, Joel Johnston, Kory Jones, Adrien King, Tyler Lever, Kevin Lucas, Nate Nash, Wilson Pearson, Dillan Perry, D.J. Pitts, Nathan Pollard, Michael Powell, Alexander Prevatt, Shaquille Ray, Matt Reith, A.J. Sayers-O'Neill, Tim Sigmon, Braxton Simmons, Nathanael Stainback, Nick Tamburo, Pete West, Jordan Wilson, Michael Zimmerman.

**Women's Track and**  
Kyndal Boykin, Jaynell Deja Burks, Jeanna Onya Daye, Somora Ed-Savannah Fornshell, Funderburk, Kristin Catherine George, Keorham, Brii Gorrell, Alexay, Nijah Gwehi, Olivia an, Brittany McGilberry, Metzinger, Jani Perez, Smith, Lakezia Sykes, ardanico, Briana Taylor, u Taylor, Kaitlyn Thomas, Troy, Jasmine Upsher, Emence, Jada Wallace, Lauren Erica Williams.





**W**ide receiver BJ Bunn (7, right) leaps up the make a catch and keep the ball out of his opponent's grasp.

**T**he Brave below keeps a tight grasp on the ball; defensive back Tyler Threatt (20) and others go for a sack.



## On the Grid

**B**raves football had a winning season in 2015, finishing 6-4 and unbeaten at home. Opening with a 17-7 upset of 20th-ranked Winston-Salem State, the Braves next defeated Fayetteville State 14-10 in the seventh Two Rivers Classic, and then forced three turnovers in a 16-6 win over Shaw before a loss to North Greenville. On Homecoming, Rontonio Stanley ran for 131 yards and three touchdowns in a 29-17 victory over 17th-ranked Tuskegee. Following losses to North Alabama and Catawba, a monstrous offensive effort lifted the Braves past West Virginia State, 45-21. After falling to Kentucky Wesleyan, the Braves finished off a perfect season at home with a 31-14 victory over Limestone. Junior B.J. Bunn was named to the Don Hansen NCAA Division II All-America Team.

**W**ide receiver Jonathan Hough (5, right) makes his way down the field, looking to make a reception.







**B**raves quarterback Patrick O'Brien (12, left) throws the ball downfield, looking to complete a pass.

**D**efensive lineman Marquis Hill (93, below) and another Brave go for a sack of the opponent's quarterback.



## 2015 Football

UNCP		Opp.
17	Winston-Salem State	7
14	Fayetteville State	10
16	Shaw	6
17	North Greenville	40
29	Tuskegee	17
28	North Alabama	62
21	Catawba	39
45	West Virginia State	21
31	Kentucky Wesleyan	39
31	Limestone	14

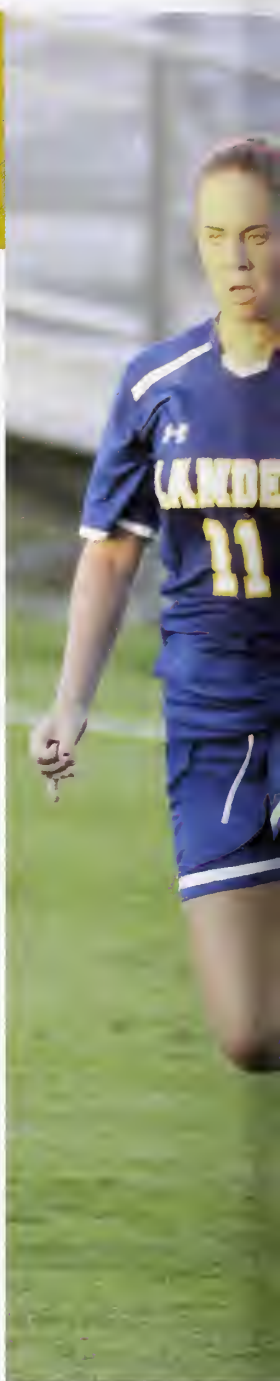


2015 Football—Michael Aaron, Jonathan Allen, Tim Applewhite, Justin Baldwin, Rondrick Bamberg, Garrett Barnett, Robert Beacham, Derek Berrier, Antoine Bostic, Demetrius Briggs, Kelvin Brim, Lucas Brim, Aarace Brooks, B.J. Bunn, Zachary Bunn, Daniel Butler, Donta Butler, Rod Butts, Tra Chandler, Aaron Clay, Dock Corpening III, Isaiah Cox, Dylan Davis, Matt Davis, Norman Deese, Phillip Derr, Shawn Everett, Jacob Frederick, Jaden Funderburk, Ashton Gaines, Nevante Gamble, Cody Garner, Andrew Goodman, Miles Grant, Tre' Hales, Xavier Hardison, Chris Hassard, Marquin Hill, Tyler Hinton, Kaleel Hollis, Charles Holloway III, Tirek Holloway, Ed Hopper, Jonathan Hough, Terron Huffman, Dillon Hunt, Kendall Jacobs, Jared Johnson, Jonas Johnson, Cliff Jones, Bikembe Kearney, Mike Keck, Lawrence Keys, Alpha Lamin, Cameron Laspada, Mike Lawrence, Joseph Legg, Tajai Liles, Jared Lintiacio, Austin Locklear, Marlin Locklear, Nathan London, Rick Mack, Carlos Manning, Josh Manns, James Maynard, Tyler Maynor, Zelius Morrow, Martin Munn, Jalon Nixon, Patrick O'Brien, Chris Palmer, Joshua Parrish, Dolphus Pearson, Trevor Phillips, Chris Phipps, Reggie Pinner, Christopher Ploch, James Posey, Christopher Powlen, Conner Preston, Dayshawn Pridgen, Marcus Raynor, Demontay Rhem, John Rich, Max Robinson, Stedman Rush, Brendon Satterfield, Jodie Savage, Corey Schulz, Josh Sheridan, Vince Siders, Titus Smith, JoJo Spann, Rontonio Stanley, Brian Staton, Tyler Thomas, Matthew Thomas Quick, Vinston Thorpe, Quay Threatt, Tyler Threatt, Allen Turner, Ulyess Upchurch, Ben Utter, Khalil Vance, Aaron Whitaker, Demarcus Whitehurst, Zach Wilcox, Cameron Williams, Darius Williams, Elijah Williams, Quadrin Williams, Reggie Woods, Albert Wright, Jake Wright, Keon Young



**S**enior keeper Janae Aiken (below) kicks the ball down-field after another successful defense at goal.

**D**efender Jillian Robinson (19, bottom) is about to make contact with the ball and advance it to her teammates.



## 2015 Women's Soccer

UNCP		Opp.
2	Mars Hill	0
3	Brevard	0
0	Wingate	5
1	Georgia Southwestern	1
0	Erskine	3
2	Montevallo	1
2	Belmont Abbey	0
1	Clayton State	2
1	Lander	2
1	Francis Marion	2
2	North Georgia	2
3	Barton	2
0	Young Harris	3
1	Flagler	2
0	USC Aiken	2



**2015 Women's Soccer**—Courtney Almon, Katie Watkins, Rae-Shawna Campbell, Courtney Cr... Courtney Boger, Kimsey Collins, Amber Watkins, Kate Weisner, Qin Arguin, Cassie Callahan, mani Boswell, Alexis Hurd, Christine Rolfes, Jasmine Senécal-Guzman, Jillian Robson, Ca... Sanchez, Alyssa Dellorso, Stacey Scott, Kristina Stevenson, Mackenzie Wright, Janae Aiken. Coach: Lars Andersson. Assistant Coach: Pauline Privitera, Graduate Assistant Coach: Br... Padilla, Goalkeeper Assistant Coach: Sean Brennan, Athletic Trainer: Rose Bussey





**F**orward Courtney Crump (5, left) leans in and moves the ball downfield, keeping it away from an advancing opponent.

**M**idfielder Amber Watkins (9, below) gets ready to kick the ball back into play.



## Kickin' It

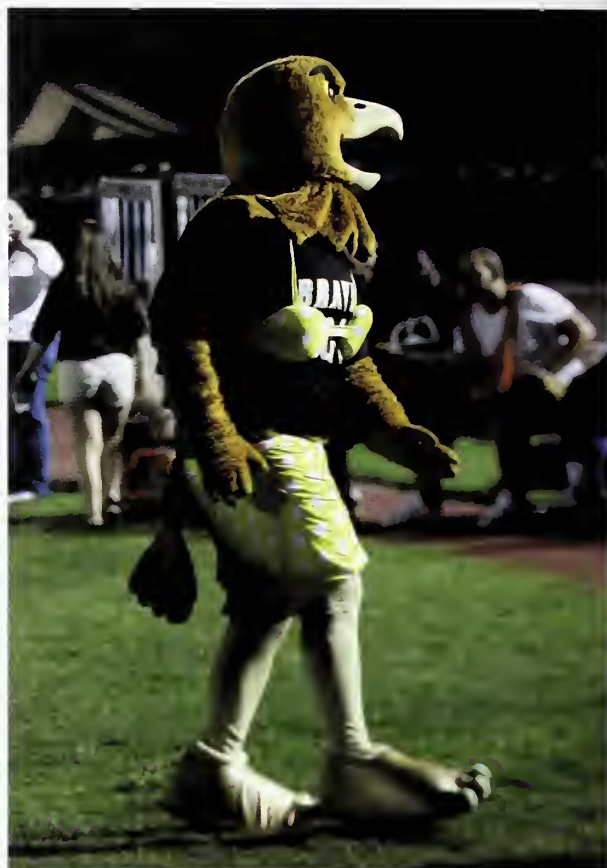
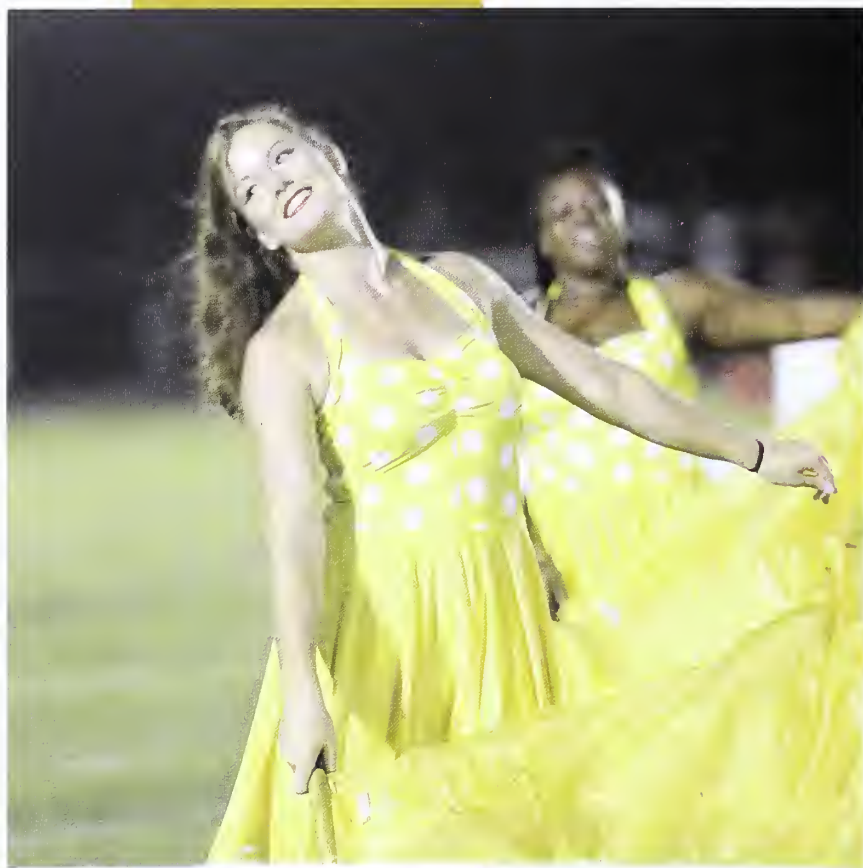
**C**onference play was a winner for women's soccer in the 2015 regular season, as the Lady Braves went 6-4-1 against Peach Belt opponents; the team finished 8-9-1 overall. Rae-Shawna Campbell scored in the 86th minute of the PBC Tournament quarterfinal, but then Georgia College scored with six seconds left to end the Lady Braves' season. In the postseason, Courtney Crump and Jasmine Senécal-Guzman were selected to the PBC All-Conference Team, and Crump, Senécal-Guzman, Amber Watkins, and Katie Watkins were named to the PBC Women's Soccer All-Academic Team. Senécal-Guzman, Watkins, Stacey Scott, and Janae Aiken were all named to the NCCSIA All-State Team.

**F**orward Rae-Shawna Campbell (3, left) races to make contact with the ball ahead of her opponent.

Senécal-Guzman, Watkins, Stacey Scott, and Janae Aiken were all named to the NCCSIA All-State Team.



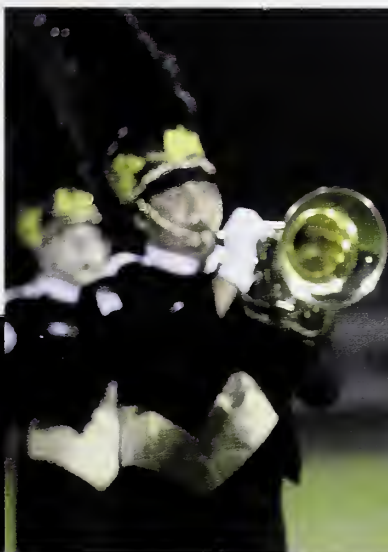
# Halftime



**T**he Spirit of the Carolinas Marching Band and drill team entertained 2015 football fans during halftime with a beach-themed show. The drum major dressed as a lifeguard, and the Brave Hawk mascot danced around in an "Itsy-Bitsy Teeny-Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini" while the band played that tune and other beach favorites. Aloha shirts and beach balls added to the fun and got the fans in the stands ready to root the Braves on to victory in the second half.







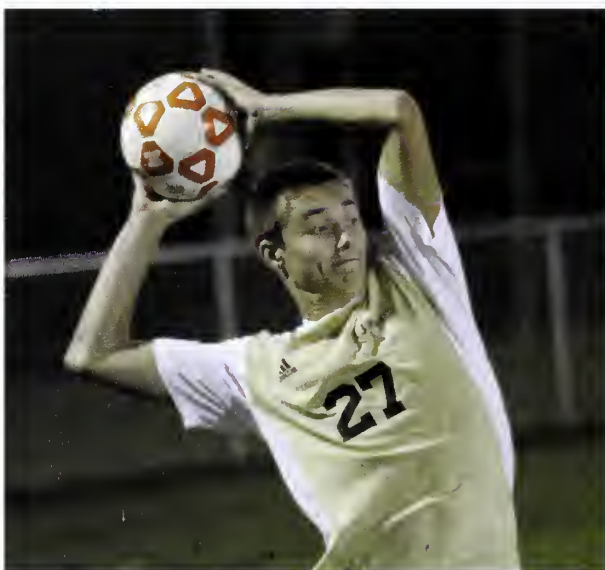
@the Beach





**M**idfielder Tom Potter (24, below) moves the ball downfield and away from an opposing player.

**D**efender Tyler Santee (27, bottom) throws the ball in from the side-line, hoping to get it to a teammate.



## 2015 Men's Soccer

UNC	Opp.
2	Mars Hill 0
3	Brevard 0
0	Wingate 5
1	Georgia Southwestern 1
0	Erskine 3
2	Montevallo 1
2	Belmont Abbey 0
1	Clayton State 2
1	Lander 2
1	Francis Marion 2
2	North Georgia 2
3	Barton 2
0	Young Harris 3
1	Flagler 2
0	USC Aiken 2



2015 Men's Soccer—Kenneth Perkinson, Tom Devitt, Ryan Bogart, Josh Phelps, Reece Room, than Legge, Branco Theis, Johannus Cuarezma, Hayden Poell, Tucker Crowder, Izzy Evans, Sarkorh, Zach Morris, Josh Sheffield, Josh Hanratty, Kevin Barry, Jordan Walshaw, Tyler C, Ryan Thompson, Tom Potter, Trenton Spigener, Tyler Santee, Austen Bauer. Head Coach: Hindson, Volunteer Assistant Coach: Iain Langstone, Athletic Trainer: Joey Tamburo





# New Goals

**T**he 2015 season was challenging for our men's soccer team. After a promising 2-0 start, the Braves finished 5-8-2 overall, 1-6-2 in the Peach Belt Conference. In the season opener, newcomers Tom Potter and Jordan Walshaw scored in the fifth and 17th minute, respectively, for a 2-0 win at home against Mars Hill. The Braves also controlled the pace of their next contest, from the opening goal of the game by freshman Johannus Cuarezma at the 4:45 mark through an additional two scores in the second half, to achieve a 3-0 victory over Brevard on September 6 in Rock Hill, SC. But their next opponent, nationally-ranked Wingate, registered a pair of goals in the first half on their way to a 5-0 win over UNCP.

Later in September, Walshaw collected a deflection off the throw-in in the early minutes of overtime to slam the ball into the back of the net and finish it off with the golden goal at 2:32 in the overtime period to push the Braves past Montevallo, 2-1, in their only Peach Belt Conference victory of the season, and Josh Phelps and Ryan Thompson each logged their first goals of the season to help support a tremendous defensive effort that gave UNCP a 2-0 victory over visiting Belmont Abbey. In October, freshman Josh Hanratty drilled in the golden goal at the 7:04 mark in overtime to give the Braves a 3-2 overtime victory over the Barton Bulldogs.

In the postseason, junior Branco Theis was the lone Brave on the 2015 NCCSIA College Division All-State Men's Soccer Second-Team. senior Josh Phelps, sophomore Kenneth Perkinson, and freshman Jordan Walshaw all represented UNCP on the 2015 Peach Belt Conference Men's Soccer All-Conference Team. Phelps, Perkinson, Theis, and sophomore Hayden Poell were named to the 2015 PBC men's soccer all-academic team. In January 2016, athletics officials announced that Phil Hindson had resigned as men's soccer head coach to accept a similar position at Winthrop, an NCAA Division I program, and that associate head coach Sean Brennan had resigned to become head coach at Mount Olive.

**M**idfielder Josh Phelps (7, left) moves toward the ball with determination and speed.

In February, they announced the hiring of 16-year college coaching veteran John Miglarese as UNCP's eighth men's soccer head coach.



**F**orward Nathan Legge (9, left) keeps the ball moving downfield, backed up by several teammates.

**F**orward Izzy Evans (14, above) is about to go for a header to keep the ball away from an opponent.



**N**icole Matthews (9, right) leaps up as she prepares to send the ball across the net to her opponents.



**B**raves teammates (above) are prepared to react as they wait on their side of the net for their opponents to serve the ball.

**T**wo Lady Braves (right) jump together to try to block the ball; their teammates are ready to deal with it when the block fails.





# At the Net

**T**he UNCP Braves volleyball team won 16 games against 22 losses in their 2014 season. During the unofficial season at the 2014 Rollins Tournament the Lady Braves dominated Southern Arkansas while losing their other three matches. They also had a tough start to the official 2014-2015 season losing their first three games as well. With determination and perseverance the Lady Braves continued to push through the season. Making their presence known, the Lady Braves dominated the GRU Augusta Tournament winning all of their games, defeating Pain, Carson Newman, and Emmanuel.

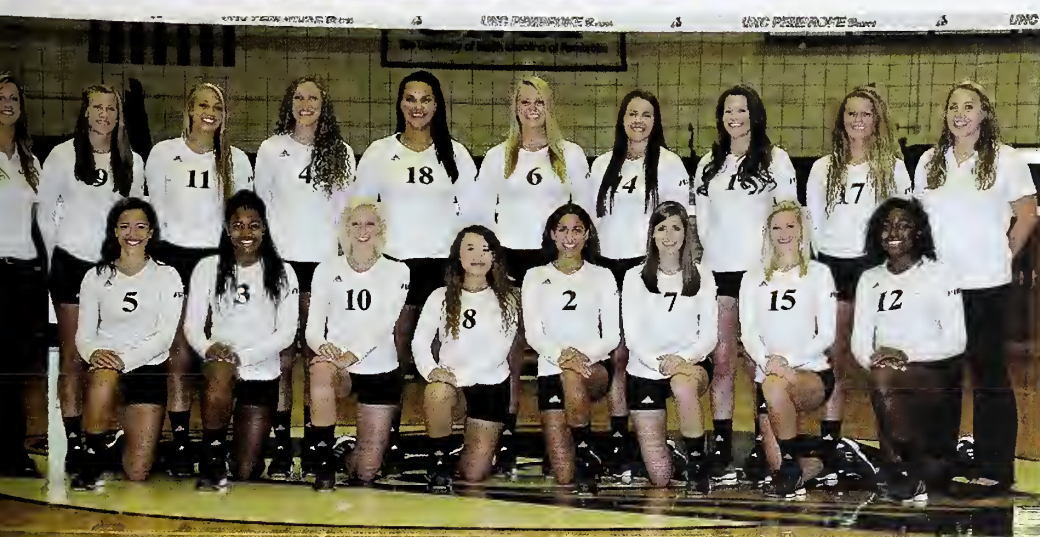
Following the GRU Augusta Tournament the Braves continued their winning streak conquering Elizabeth City State 3-0 and Mt. Olive 3-1, scoring the season's highest hitting

**T**his player (left) jumps into the air, unleashing her power as she makes the serve.

percentage, a .250, as well as presenting the best kills, with a total of 61 during the match against Mt. Olive, with 19 of those kills by Nicole Matthews. The Lady Braves then later fell to strong play of their next two opponents,

losing 3-1 to Lander and 3-2 to Coker.

The Braves went into the middle of the season with a fair amount of wins and losses. They fell short against Francis Marion, Armstrong State, GRU Augusta, and USC Aiken, but they triumphed over Flagler, Fayetteville State, Virginia Union, and Georgia College. The Lady Braves fought hard until the end of the 2014 season but closed the season with three losses, their final game being a 0-3 loss to West Georgia.



**Volleyball**—Jamee Bird, Ka'asha Jefferies, Jada Vernon, Caroline Pridgen, Cecilia Brandon, Paepflow, Josephine Yang, Nicole Mathews, Bailee Jones, Mckala Bozman, Aquia Jones, Cayce Head Coach: Ellen McGill, Assistant Coach: Megan Sanger, Athletic Trainer: Kelsey Fraser

## 2015 Volleyball

UNCP		Opp.
1	Newberry	3
2	Belmont Abbey	3
3	Lees-McRae	2
1	Mars Hill	3
0	Wingate	3
2	Erskine	3
1	Seton Hill	3
0	Eckerd	3
3	West Liberty	0
0	Colo.Christian	3
0	USC Aiken	3
0	Lander	3
3	Claflin	1
1	St.Andrews	3
0	Flagler	3
1	Armstrong State	3
0	Augusta	3
3	Francis Marion	2
0	Lander	3
3	Francis Marion	2
0	Lander	3
1	Georgia College	3



## 2015-16 Men's Basketball

UNCP		Opp.
100	All Army	92
64	Wake Forest	86
94	Lenoir-Rhyne	101
78	Catawba	66
89	Winston Salem State	88
79	Barton	67
76	Mount Olive	69
67	Fayetteville State	56
54	Wingate	66
59	Lander	62
80	Mount Olive	87
84	Winston Salem State	64
69	Columbus State	82
74	Georgia College	77
72	Augusta	73
59	USC Aiken	52
80	Montevallo	71
91	Francis Marion	75
79	North Georgia	73
80	Clayton State	84
70	Georgia Southwestern	81
62	Augusta	66
87	Flagler	73
76	USC Aiken	85
78	Young Harris	72
78	Lander	77
76	Armstrong State	75
94	Flagler	92
80	Armstrong State	83
77	Francis Marion	79

**B**randon Watts (0, right) searches for an open teammate as he prepares to throw the ball in from the sideline.



**T**yler Kordenbrock (45, below) holds on tight to prevent the other team from stealing the ball before he passes it off.



2015-16 Men's Basketball—Brandon Watts, Dominic Loveless, Chris Smith, Alex Bradley, Wright, Nigel Grant, Daylan Fuller, Jimmy Staiti, James Murray-Boyles, Jeff McIlwain, Key Hinton, C.J. Miller, Carson Mounce, Mike Smith, Quamain Rose, Giaronni Mack, Bryson Brandon Winford, Tyler Kordenbrock, Head Coach: Ben Miller, Associate Head Coach: Drew Harts, Assistant Coach: Cortez Brown, Volunteer Assistant Coach: Eldon Miller, Graduate Assistant Coach: Tony Jones, Graduate Assistant Coach: Courtney Pulley, Athletic Trainer: Joey Tatro, Student Managers: Tyler Holley, Carrington Graham





**A**n opponent tries to reach the ball, but Brandon Winford (35, left) jumps a bit higher and gets it for the Braves.



**I**t's a race between two Braves and an opponent (left) to see who can get the ball first.

**P**oint guard Alex Bradley (3, below) moves the ball down the court to try and score or pass off to a teammate.



## Jump Shots

**B**randon Watts and Alex Bradley came up with game-changing steals in the final 38 seconds as the men's basketball team rallied back from a 12-point deficit early in the second half to stun visiting Flagler, 94-92, on February 17 in the Braves' final home game of the 2015-16 season. They went on to drop their final two games on the road, but the team still ended the regular season with an overall record of 15 wins and 13 losses, finishing 9-10 in the Peach Belt Conference.

The Braves had opened their season in November with high hopes, a national ranking, and the nation's top returning point guard, All-American Quamain Rose, who had received that designation from Hero Sports in the preseason. Unfortunately, Rose suffered a knee injury in late November in a home victory over Fayetteville State and was sidelined for the rest of the season, including all of the Braves' PBC games. His teammates stepped up their game and provided many thrilling moments for Braves fans on their way to another winning season.





# Full Force

**W**ith an overall record of ten wins and sixteen losses, the UNCP women's basketball team fought hard this season. They were in full swing, winning four out of six games held in November. It began with two exhibition games, Campbell and UNC Wilmington. Winning the first game of the season it was off to a good start. Highlight games of the season included North Georgia with a score of 77-56, Armstrong State with 79-60, and Montevallo with 60-50.

North Georgia vs. UNC Pembroke started with a bang when the first quarter ended with Georgia having 16 points while Pembroke had 23. Their progress continued into the second quarter when Georgia managed 9 points compared to our 14. Keeping up the great work, the girls beat them in the third quarter yet again with 20 points to their 13. Fourth quarter was make or break time. The whole game had led up to this moment. If they slacked off too much, thinking they couldn't lose, it would have been over. The Lady Braves drove it home with a narrow victory of 20-18, making out a total of 77-56.

In the postseason, senior Crystal Hicks earned a spot on the PBC women's basketball All-Academic team, and junior Jonissa Monley received third-team All-Peach Belt honors. Monley had earlier been named as UNCP Athlete of the Week for her double-double average in January that helped lead the Lady Braves to a pair of home victories; she was also recognized as PBC Player of the Week for that accomplishment.

**F**orward Crystal Hicks (3, above right) races through other players in order to make it to the basket.

**G**uard Airico Williams (23, right) goes in for the jump to score.



**I**f you thought women's basketball wasn't a contact sport (above), think again!

**F**orward Mary Robinson (10, right) waits behind her opponent to see if she can get the ball on the rebound.

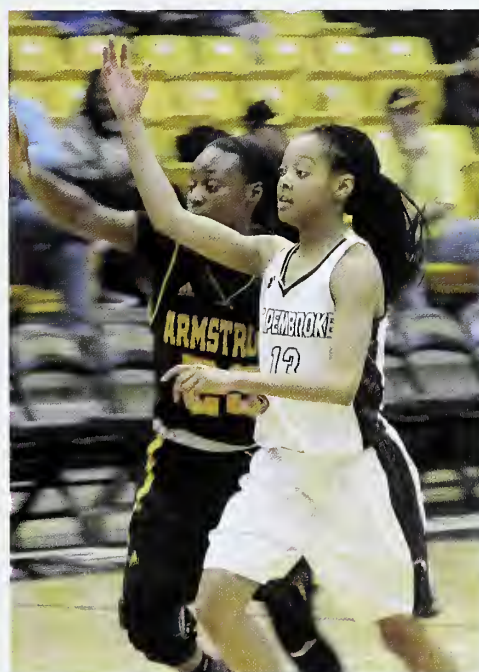






**F**orward Jonissa Monley (24, left) follows through after releasing the ball, towering over an opposing player.

**G**uard Jasmine Huntley (13, below) goes head to head with an opponent as she calls on a teammate to pass her the ball.



**16 Women's Basketball**—Eboné Stevens, Nadine Ealey, Crystal Hicks, Mary Robinson, Ra-Temple, Jasmine Huntley, Avery Locklear, Chandrica Fuller, Airico Williams, Jonissa Monley, Jonda Prichard, Phoenicia Lawson, Dee Purdue, Se'Dasia Love, Head Coach: John Haskins, Assistant Coach: Kapica Davis, Volunteer Assistant Coach: Joey Autry, Athletic Trainer: Rose Bussey

## 2015-16 Women's Basketball

UNC P		Opp.
67	Campbell	62
43	UNC Wilmington	68
63	Fayetteville State	56
63	Coker	51
68	Livingstone	69
63	Mount Olive	55
61	Wingate	79
39	Lander	72
86	Apprentice	61
45	Columbus State	60
51	Georgia College	63
72	Belmont Abbey	51
61	Augusta	72
41	USC Aiken	84
60	Montevallo	50
75	Francis Marion	63
77	North Georgia	56
60	Clayton State	78
59	Georgia Southwestern	63
52	Augusta	56
58	Flagler	60
55	USC Aiken	57
69	Young Harris	62
59	Lander	68
48	Armstrong State	60
65	Flagler	83
79	Armstrong State	60
62	Francis Marion	70



## 2015-16 Wrestling

UNCP		Opp.
43	Belmont Abbey	6
53	Spartanburg Methodist	0
15	Campbellsville	23
9	NS State	32
26	Cumberland	21
47	Truett-McConnell	3
39	Brewton-Parker	6
9	Notre Dame (Ohio)	34
26	LIU Post	9
55	Greensboro	0
34	Southeastern	15
24	King	17
50	St. Andrews	0
19	Tiffin	20
12	Findlay	27
12	Kutztown	28
13	Ashland	30
19	Coker	18
39	Anderson	8
40	Emmanuel	7
31	Ferrum	9
13	Newberry	26
15	Limestone	17



2015-16 Wrestling—Joseph Ballantyne, Samuel Bartram, Danny Berrier, Ryan Blackwell, Brown, Andrew Colborn, Joey DiMartino, Dylan Edwards, Hayden Fry, Chad Hoff, Dominica, Eric Joyner, Tyler Makosy, Casey Malloy, Ribyan McClain, Jayquon McEntyre, Eric Milksthan Miller, Andrew Moore, Sheldon Morris, Stuart Nadeau, Joe Remaklus, Dakota Roberts, C Scott, Blaze Shade, Brandon Sloop, Dustin Smith, Hayden Smith, Jake Smith, Faris Teia, Thomas, Brysen Thorpe, Brach Walker, Keechan Ware, Josh Watts, Head Coach: Othello Johnson, Assistant Coach: Rashaad Saunders, Assistant Coach: Chris Notte, Manager: Dawnkins, Athletic Trainer: Ashley Ausborn





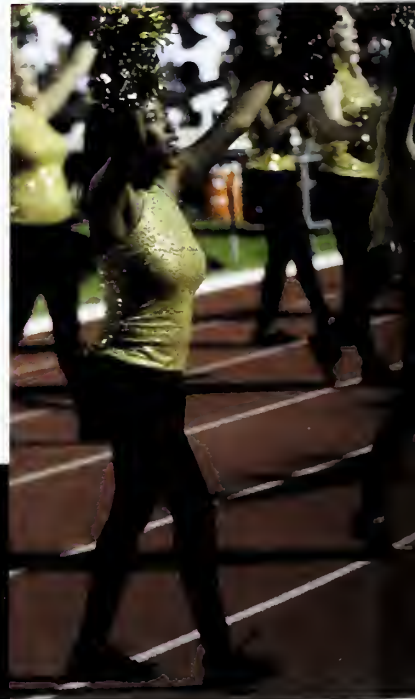
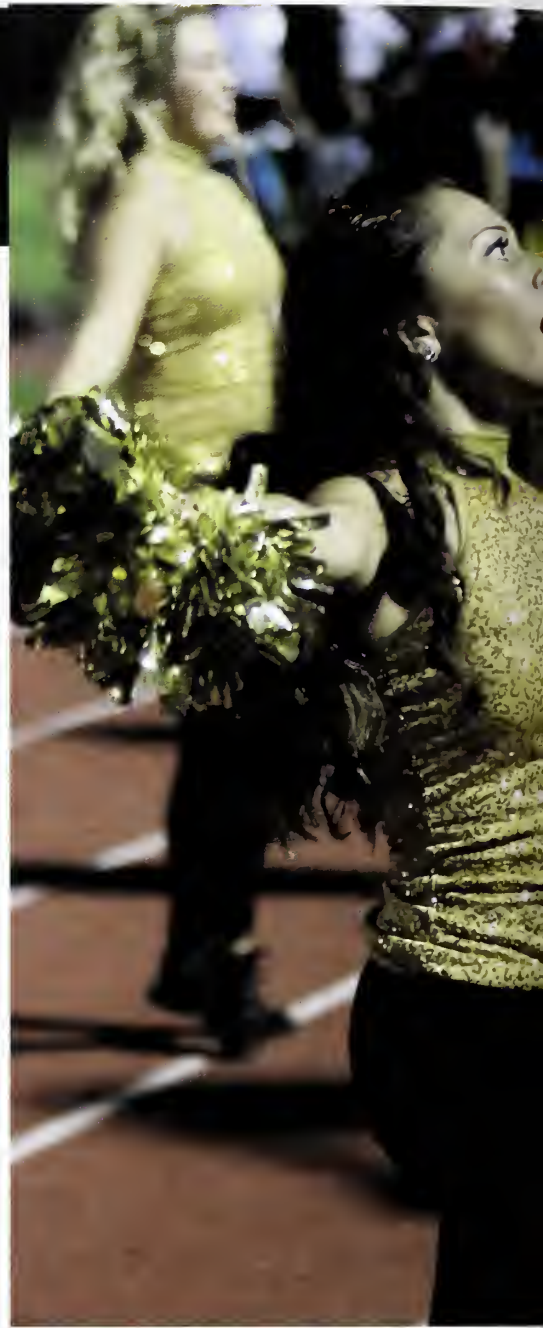
One Braves wrestler goes face to face with his opponent (center), while another (left and below) prepares to enter the ring, engages his opponent, and goes for a take-down.



## Tap Out

**W**restling had excellent performances this year, both athletically and academically. The team made this their third winning year in a row, finishing with a dual meet record of 14-9 overall, 4-2 in the Peach Belt Conference. Senior Stuart Nadeau earned all-academic honors for the fourth straight year, while the UNC Pembroke wrestling team was ranked 8 among the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association All-Academic Teams. All-American Blaze Shade made it all the way to the 174-pound national title match before being bested by top-ranked and undefeated Nick Becker of Wisconsin-Parkside in a 9-3 decision. All in all, this team continues to make UNCP proud.

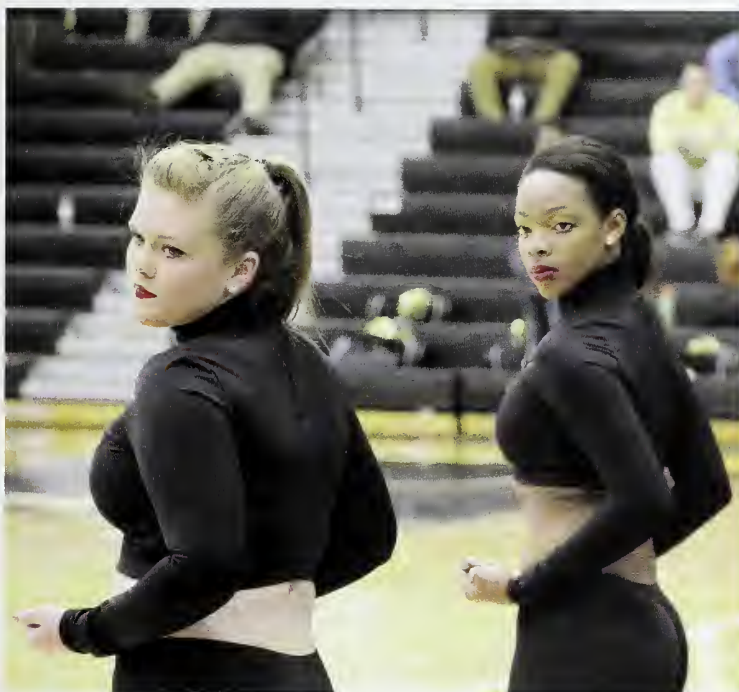






# Cheer On!

Our Spirit Squad and the Bravehawk mascot led the cheers and entertained the fans at football and basketball games, making sure that everyone got into the spirit of supporting the Braves. Whether they were standing on the sidelines cheering for the football team (left) or performing dance routines in the gym during basketball season (below), their energy and enthusiasm were contagious and were appreciated by fans and athletes alike. Spirit Squad members also participated in pep rallies, parades, and many other campus events



16 Spirit Squad—Melia Bovard, Christina Boyer, Tina Clark, Gina Clymore, Madison Dav-  
Raven Farmer, Ariel Farrington, Alyx Goodwin, Dasja Johnson, Dee Johnson Co-Captain),  
ey Locklear, Kassidy Lora, Ashlynn McGhee, Dawnn Perkins (Captain), Kacey Rowe, LaTo-  
ffin, Tori Strickland, Jada Tollinchi, Leah Wassilchak, Ashley Wood, Interim Head Coach:  
rt Johnson, Managers: Beth Greenlaw, Tyy Joyner, Athletic Trainer: Michael Musselwhite





**P**eople come together all over campus to share experiences and ideas. Students in 1985 (inset) get together on a bench outside the UC to talk about classes. Students in 2015 (right) stroll through the quad at the start of the Fall semester.



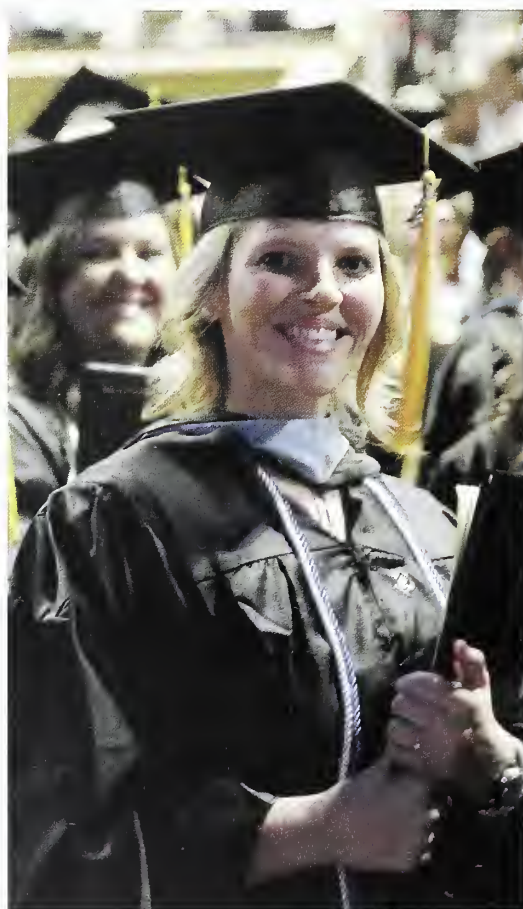


**P**eople—past, present, and future—have always been what makes our university great. Students, administrators, faculty, and staff came together with one purpose, showing that people with different backgrounds can work together to create, and continue to maintain, something that is truly beautiful. We stand together as the ones who are making the changes that matter, the ones coming up with the new and innovative ideas. We are not just witnessing change; we are creating that change.

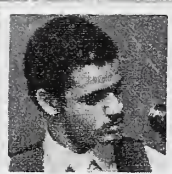
*PEOPLE*



**S**enior Mass Communication major, and long-time yearbook administrative assistant, Deondria Love (right) and the two master's degree recipients below are among the 500+ students happy to receive their diplomas at the 2015 Winter Commencement.







### *The Senior Year*

*recitals and exhibits*

*caps and gowns*

*job applications*

*seminars*

*the beginnings  
of sentimentality*

*the senior portrait*

*graduation gifts*

*last-minute  
"basic courses"*

*overdue books*

*the placement office*

**S**ome things have changed a lot since 1985. We now have many more graduate students, a group that was scarcely represented in the 1985 yearbook. But the issues confronting seniors—as depicted in the list from the People section of the 1985 *Indianhead* reproduced here—are not all that different in 2016. And both seniors and graduate students have that same smile of accomplishment and pride when they finally cross the stage and receive their degrees.

*SENIORS*  
*GRADUATE STUDENTS*



*Scott Tyson listens intently to one of the commencement speakers.*

*Sarah Austin and Jenna Strader enjoy the Chancellor's Meet and Greet in September.*



***Ashley Lynn Allen***

Zoology  
Randleman

***Giovanna Nikole Alston***

Exercise and Sports Science  
Raleigh



***Kara Loyai Atkins***

Spanish  
Fayetteville

***Kera Lero Atkins***

Broadcasting  
Fayetteville





# Hansen Barefoot

interviewed by Taylor Marion



Hansen Cole Barefoot, a senior born in Dunn, NC, and currently residing in Garner, comes from a "dysfunctional and southern" family, but he loves them nonetheless. He has an older brother who is a fire fighter for Wake Forest and a younger brother in middle school. As a first-generation college student, he made it his mission to get the most out of his college experience. He lived on campus in a single room and really enjoyed the privacy but disliked "having elephants living in the apartment above me." His desire to help people in need led him to major in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology. Working twelve hours a week as a student telecounselor in Admissions gave him much-needed time management skills. During his first semester on campus, he pledged with Theta Xi, which gave him the persistence to continue when he was on the verge of dropping out freshman year. His girlfriend, Kaitlin Meares, is one of the most significant people he's met on this campus, and she makes him the happiest man alive. Being a senior was bittersweet, but he felt that he made his mark while at UNCP. He will really miss the free movie rentals from the library, free gym membership, and all of the other Pembroke "swag." After graduation, he planned to take his BLET and become a police or parole/probation officer and move back to Garner, because he loves the atmosphere of the town. Hansen's final advice: "Be brave, take chances, and enjoy college. Graduation day will be here before you know it."



## **Jasmine Tkeyah Banks**

Social Work

Laurinburg



## **Hansen Cole Barefoot**

Criminal Justice

Garner



## **Haley Dawn Bean**

Social Work

Seagrove



## **Elizabeth Ashleigh Bell**

Social Work

Lumberton



***Aaron Lewis Berdeau***

Business Management

Laurinburg

***Sylvia K. Bland***

Business Administration

Sanford



***Jimmy Leon Blue Jr.***

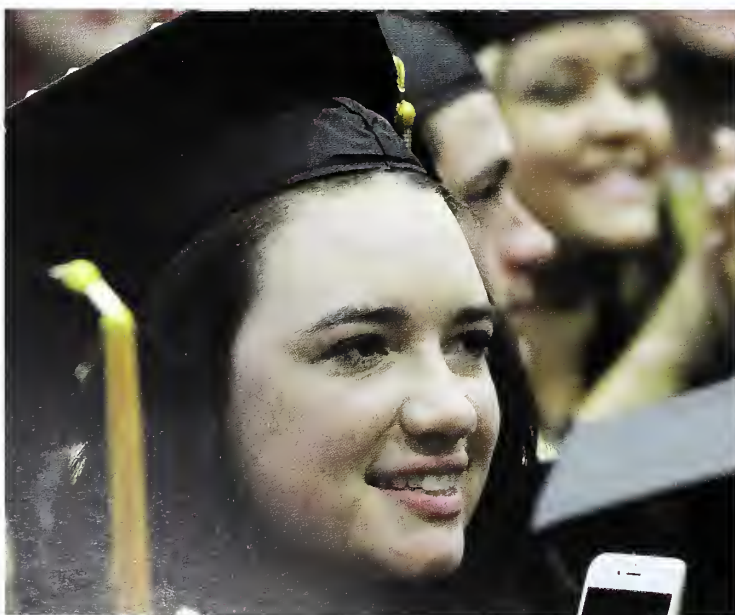
Social Studies Education

Rowland

***Erica Hope Branch***

Mass Communication

Bladenboro



**A**lexis Dawson looks motivated and happy during December 2015 Commencement.



**E**rasto Simmons and Dustin Charvis learn how to succeed at the Business Etiquette Dinner.





### ***Natural Morgan Breeden***

Social Work

Fairmont



### ***Candace Renee Burge***

Psychology

Durham



### ***Andrew George Cole***

Mass Communication

Calabash



### ***Carli Renee Combs***

Exercise and Sports Science

Raleigh

## **Elizabeth Gagne'**

*interviewed by Michelle Tumes*

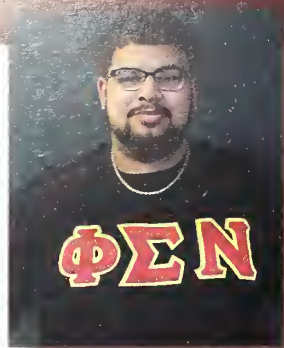


Elizabeth Marie Gagne' is from Gray's Creek, NC, which was "small" when she was young but has "developed" over time. Her family moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, when she was 13 years old, but after four years, they moved back to the Fayetteville area. Elizabeth has a twin brother who is currently in the military and a 15-year-old sister whom everyone in the family calls "mini Elizabeth." She believes that being a first-generation college student drives her to want to be a better person and make her family proud. Elizabeth lived on campus, and she was a Resident Assistant in Belk during her sophomore and junior years. Elizabeth liked living on campus because she had the opportunity to interact with different kinds of people and learn how to deal with all kinds of situations that would prepare her in the work force. Once Elizabeth moved to Village Apartments she was able to have alone time, cook for herself, and room with her best friend of 18 years. Elizabeth is a double major in English and Journalism with a minor in creative writing, which she has always been passionate about. During her years at UNCP she has covered a graduation for *The Fayetteville Observer* and as a senior is the editor-in-chief of *The Pine Needle*, UNCP's student newspaper; she works 15 hours a week. Elizabeth is also in Sigma Tau Delta, the English honors society, and travelled to London with the school. Overall, Elizabeth has been able to have a great college experience and also had fun as well.



## Tyler Blue

interviewed by Taylor Hammonds



Tyler Hughes Blue is a senior from Pembroke. He is an only child but is very close with his extended family, such as his grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. He chose a social work major with a minor in substance abuse thanks to the help of an Academic Advisor, Derek Oxendine. He planned to apply for the fast track social work graduate program after graduation and eventually open his own private practice for substance abuse. He chose UNCP because it is close to home, and he wants to remain here in order to help individuals in the community. Tyler has been an involved student on and off campus, has helped with community service events, and has held on campus jobs as a new student orientation leader and a desk manager in Pine Hall. He is also a member of Phi Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc., and stated that "Phi Sigma Nu has helped me to become a better student, a better man, and just a better person in general, and it is a decision that I am very thankful I made." He plans to remain close with his brothers in Phi Sigma Nu after graduation. His advice to freshmen was, "Build relationships with your professors; one of the great things about UNCP is that you are not just a number, and if they see that you work hard on a daily basis they will usually help you out if you ever need it." Tyler will miss the joys of student life and the people that he has built relationships with along the way. He is very appreciative of the faculty and staff that have made it possible for him to pursue his aspirations.

### **Linda Christina Council**

Biology  
White Oak

### **Brittany Doshelle Curry**

Psychology  
Winston-Salem



### **Jasmyne Lekwon Davis**

Health Promotion  
Spring Hope

### **Marcus Anthony Dial**

Biology  
Red Springs







**S**GA President Candace Locklear Surges the December 2015 graduates to become future leaders.

**Y**ears of hard work are fulfilled as this graduate waits to receive his degree.



***Kia Marie Dikes***

Sociology

Zebulon

***Diana Ann Dillard***

Criminal Justice/Sociology

Fayetteville



***Amanda Gayle Doss***

Nursing

Wilson

***Brian Dariel Edwards***

Political Science

Hillsborough



**Anita Renee Freeman**

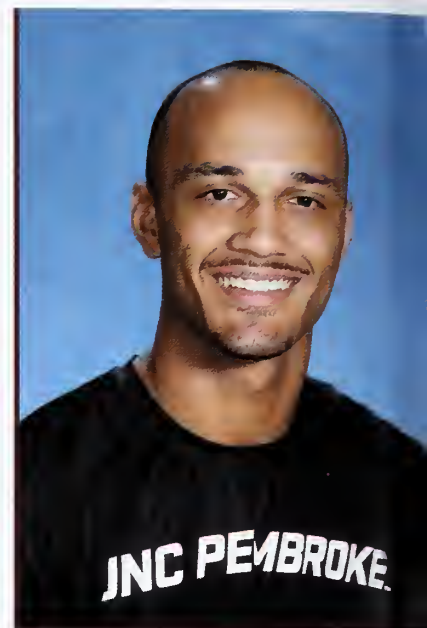
Chemistry

Graham

**Daylan Obryan Fuller**

Exercise and Sports Science

Shelby



**Mary Carlotta Graham**

Sociology

Bolton

**Tyler Michael Grissett**

Exercise and Sports Science

Cambridge, England



## Jan Gaster Howland

interviewed by Alex Smith



Jan Gaster Howland, originally from Apex, NC, currently resides in Raeford and has also lived outside of Philadelphia, in Raleigh, Thomasville, Myrtle Beach, Cary, Northern Virginia, and Hope Mills. Northern Virginia is where she spent the most time and, other than Apex, is where her heart is. She has three siblings and the family she's made with her husband, John: sons John Glenn, Jake, and Jesse, and daughter, Jenna.

Jan's major is Exercise and Sport Physiology with a concentration in Recreation, which she chose because "Providing recreation for all people is a win-win." Her two best coach/teachers were Pauline Privitera and David Synan, and "The best teacher of all is my advisor, Dr. Marian Wooten."

Commuting can be a hassle for Jan, but it's worth it. She says, "The only thing bad is the time to get there, and the fact that any event at school at night is very difficult to attend due to the drive and my duties at home and as a mom." If she was not married and did not have kids, she would be into all the activities UNCP offers. Other than school and work, her life is her husband and children. After graduation, Jan planned on getting a full-time job in her field and eventually moving to be closer to family and friends.

Her advice to the younger crowd was, "Talk more to the older students—they have a lot to say, and some of them are pretty cool."





***Brenttana Diane Hairston***

Psychology  
Winston-Salem



***Destiny Ann Hall***

Elementary Education  
Beulaville



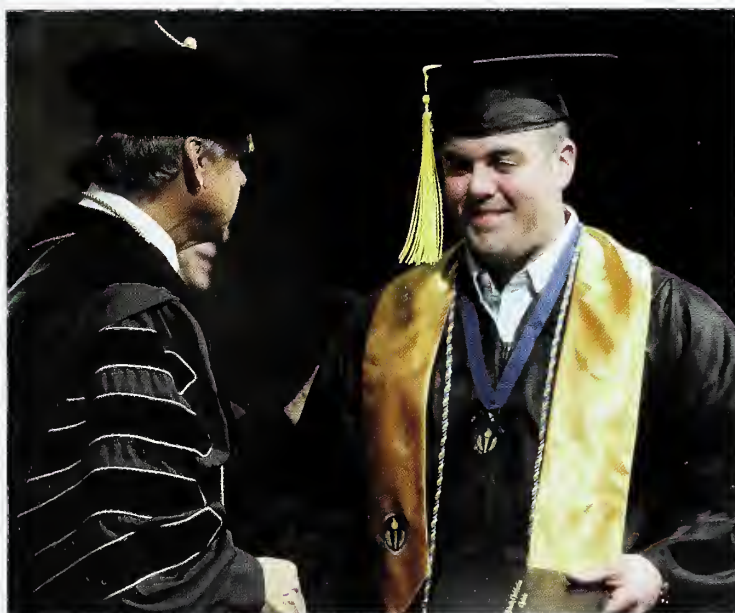
***Robert J. Hamilton***

History  
Greensboro



***Krystin Sue Hanooman***

Biology  
Clemmons



**T**his Zeta Phi Beta sister smiles  
as she receives her diploma  
from the Chancellor.

**H**onor cords and sashes sym-  
bolize this graduate's achieve-  
ments.



**R**eggie Cobia and fellow graduates listen during commencement with a variety of emotions.

**M**ing Yu Liao and Julie Sem enjoy the beautiful surroundings at the Meet and Greet.



***Antonia LaShai Hargrove***

Psychology  
Riceboro, GA

***Brian Antonio Haskins***

Criminal Justice  
Wilson



***Sarah T. Henderson***

Sociology  
Red Springs

***Keith Donald Walter Higgins***

Criminal Justice  
Raleigh





# Andrew Cole



interviewed by Elijah Macon

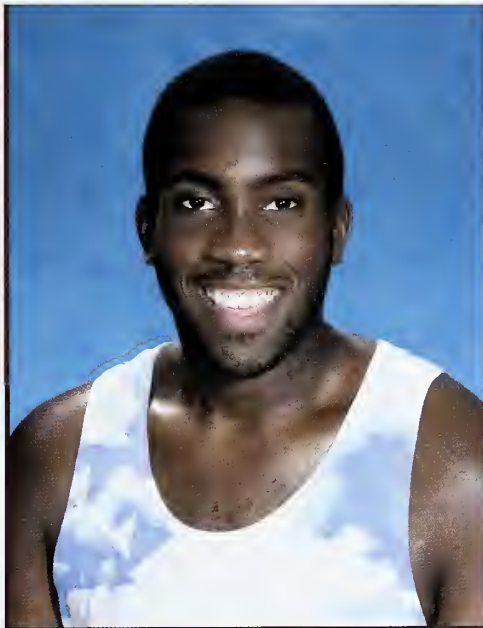
Andrew G. Cole was born in Syracuse, NY, but grew up in Calabash, NC. Andrew comes from a positive, loving, and caring family. He is an only child raised by his mother, a single parent who has two master's degrees. His parents are very proud of him and support him throughout his journey. Andrew grew up with learning disabilities and said he is very fortunate to be where he's at. Andrew lived in Courtyard his senior year in a two-bedroom apartment. He's had the same roommate since junior year and now they have become best friends. Andrew met his girlfriend his sophomore year and plans to be with her for the rest of his life. He said the thing he loved most about UNCP are the small class sizes. "You actually get to know your professors here," he said. Andrew's hobbies include exercising, playing sports, and other outdoor activities. Andrew was majoring in Mass Communications with a concentration in Broadcasting, which he's been interested in since he was ten years old; he wants to go into sports communication. While at UNCP, he was a reporter for Carolina News Today, WNCP's news broadcast. He also worked as an intern for WWAY TV3, a local news and weather station in Wilmington, NC. After graduation he wanted to get a reporter job in an anchor position. He also would like to relocate to Myrtle Beach or Wilmington. One quote he would like to leave as he continues his journey through life is "Don't care what people think about you; be confident in yourself."



## ***Jakayla Monique Hill***

Social Work

Jacksonville



## ***Yasin Jamal Holland***

Social Work

Concord



## ***Charles Norris Holloway***

Criminal Justice

Salisbury



## ***Janelle G. Horton***

Information Technology

New Rochelle, NY



***Jan Gaster Howland***

Exercise and Sport Physiology  
Racford

***Angel Nicole Howley***

Biology  
Fayetteville



***Kimberly Denise Hunt***

Political Science  
Greensboro

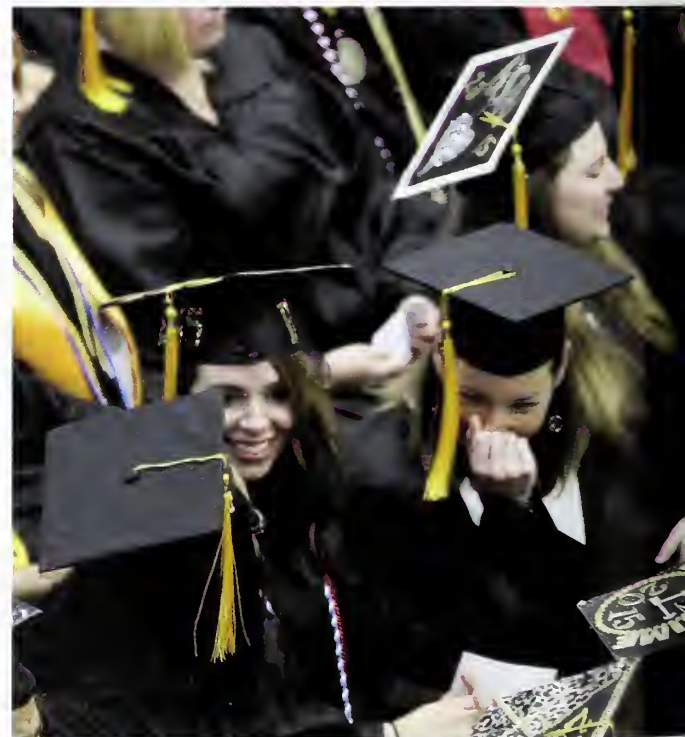
***Raymond Monroe Hunt IV***

English  
Okinawa, Japan



Fun is also on the agenda for Joan Blackwell and others at the Business Etiquette Dinner.

Graduates enjoy being together one last time at the December 2015 Commencement.







***Ashlee A. Jackson***

Biology

Fayetteville



***Terrence Lee Jefferies***

Broadcasting and Journalism

High Point



***Rodnesia Jane Jeffries***

Mass Communication

Yanceyville



***Brianna Danielle Johnson***

Health Promotion

Durham

## Kimberly Hunt

interviewed by Hannah Secrest



Kimberly Denise Hunt is a Native American from Greensboro, NC, where she has lived her whole life, aside from one year in Brandton, FL. When she was a little girl traveling to visit family, she thought of UNCP as an inviting and excellent place and told herself that she would attend it one day, and now she is set to graduate. Kimberly is part Lumbee and part Blackfoot and comes from a big family, including two older sisters, one younger brother, and 70-80 cousins. She is also a mother herself to her daughter Aiyana and three step kids; she and her fiancée Lucas have been together for five years. "Family is my backbone," she said, and being a first-generation student "has pushed me harder to get good grades to make my family proud."

Kimberly was a political science major with a concentration in pre-law and a minor in history. She has had internships at law firms and has understudied lawyers. After graduation, she planned to work at Ward-Black Law in Greensboro to get a better feel for the field, prepare to take the LSAT, and then attend law school. Outside schoolwork, Kimberly was a member of Alpha Phi Omega and the Native American Student Association. She has been dancing Powwow since she was two, and she loves the outdoors, fishing, hunting, etc. Other interests include Native American beadwork and attending Vintage Church with her family.



# Brian Edwards

interviewed by Taylor Highsmith



Brian Edwards was born and raised in Pittsfield, MA, with his one older brother. When he was twelve his family moved to Hillsborough, NC, where they currently reside. Both of Brian's parents are college graduates, and a good education is extremely important in his family. Brian will graduate with a degree in Political Science and History; his goal was to earn his lateral entry teaching certification so he can teach the youth of tomorrow and affect young lives in a positive way. During his four years at UNCP Brian lived on campus, both in dorms and in student apartments, and he preferred the convenience of on-campus life as well as the close relations it allowed with other students. Brian was involved in many clubs and organizations, including SGA, the Political Science Club, and Model UN. He felt his fraternity brothers will be friends that he keeps long after his time as a student is up. Brian said that one of his favorite things about the campus was the small student body, which "allows for small class sizes and a lack of congestion in university events and at different campus locations such as the cafe." Brian will also miss the diversity and individuality of the campus. Despite all of the awesome things that Brian has found on UNCP, he was relieved that the process was almost over, and was excited to start his life and his career and looked forward to whatever life has next. Brian's final advice to freshman was, "Don't count UNCP out as a first choice school. This school has so much to offer."

## **Jazmyne Jamel Jones**

Art and Music

El Paso, TX

## **Wanda Kaye Jones**

Sociology

Maxton



## **Constince V. M. Keener**

Mathematics

California

## **Kayla Ann Keerl**

Psychology

Dallas

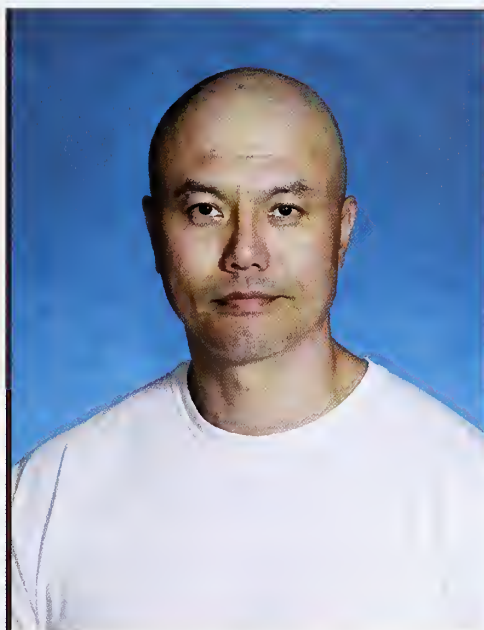






**T**his graduate is in a contemplative mood as he waits his turn to cross the stage.

**T**he graduate below uses her phone to document the memory of her accomplishment.



***Hillary Paige Kelley***

Social Work

Pembroke

***Kwangho Kim***

Computer Science

Lumberton



***Rebecca A. Klingenschmidt***

Elementary Education

Red Spring

***Aaron B. Kotay***

Computer Science

Charlotte



**Melanie Renee LaBeau**

Psychology  
Hampton, VA

**Aelisha KeAndriana Lee**

Social Work  
Raleigh



**Sandra Thrift Lewis**

Sociology  
Germany

**Christopher Morgan Lindsay**

Criminal Justice  
Fayetteville



## Kayla Keerl



interviewed by Lindsey Hyde

Kayla Keerl, a senior Psychology major, was originally from Indiana but moved to Gastonia, NC, five years ago. Kayla has one older brother and four younger step siblings. Kayla lived on campus in apartments and really enjoyed living on her own and having her own space. When home for breaks, she worked at her local mall full time. Kayla was the captain of the color guard, which she says is a great way to make friends. In her junior year she got to study abroad and said this was the best choice she made; it was an amazing experience and she got to meet some cool people. One big reason why she chose psychology as a major was to help others. While at UNCP Kayla has had professors make an impact on her life, and she

knows they will continue to stay in touch even after she graduates in spring of 2016. Kayla has also made a few lifelong friends who will also stay in touch after graduation.

One thing Kayla liked most about UNCP is how small the campus is. She said, "Having a smaller campus means the professors get to actually know who you are and help you as best as they can." One thing she will miss about UNCP is leaving all her friends and becoming an adult. Eventually Kayla would like to move to Tennessee and become a substance abuse therapist. Some advice she gave to incoming freshmen was to "Enjoy every bit of college while you are here because it goes by really quick."





***Kristin Giera Locklear***

Sociology

Pembroke



***Mercedes Locklear***

Biology

Lumberton



***Samantha Locklear***

Sociology

Pembroke



***Merveille Mapuku***

Business Administration

Raleigh



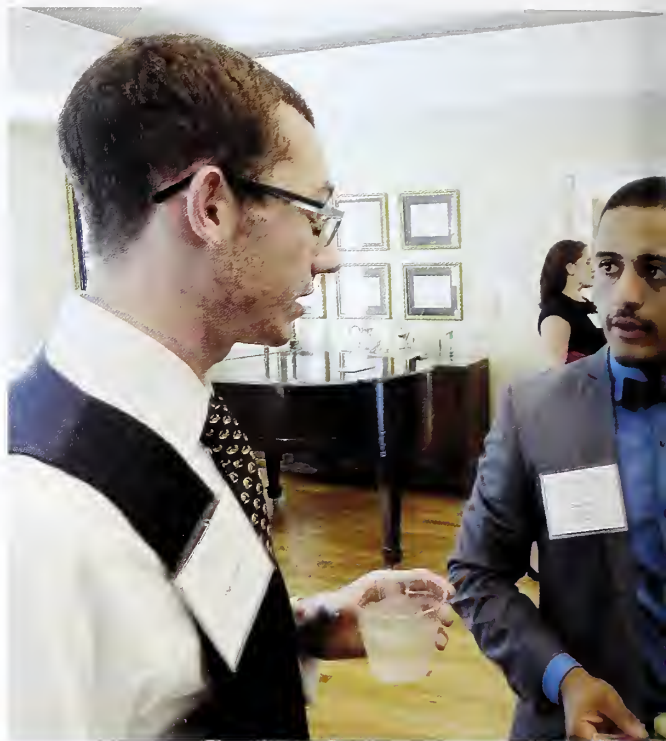
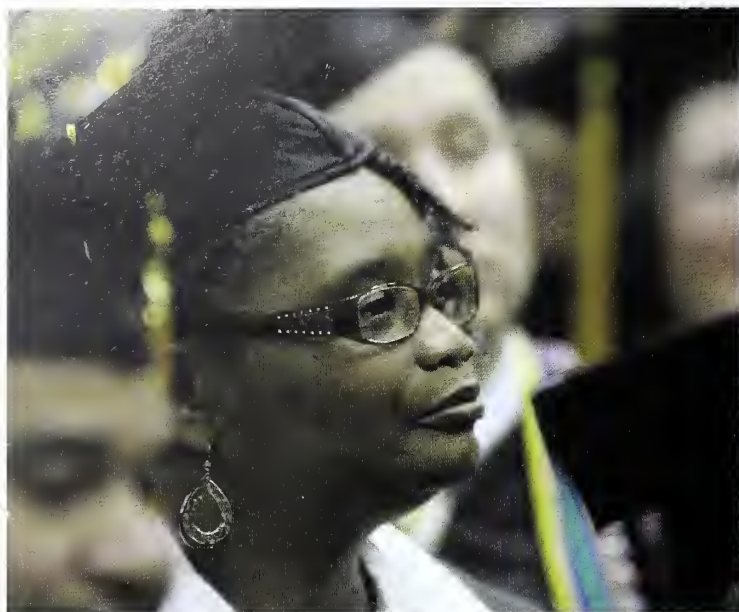
**L**amar Smith is beyond excited to finally be getting his diploma in December 2015.

**T**hese ladies are also excited to be walking onto the state to get their degrees.



The young woman thinks of the future as she begins her new journey on graduation day.

Robert Hamilton and David Gazali talk at the Chancellor's Meet and Greet.



***Megan Ashley Mauterer***

Elementary Education  
Lumberton

***Catherine Beatrice May***

Health Promotion  
Greensboro



***Jerrette Jermaine McGrimmon***

Applied Information Technology  
Dillon, SC

***Dustin Dwight McGirt***

Mathematics  
Maxton





# Ryan Leonard



interviewed by Katie Hamilton

Ryan Leander Leonard grew up in Mebane, NC; he has one younger sister, also a student here. He lived in an apartment near campus, which helped him "learn how to live cohesively and have understanding with other people." Ryan was pursuing a second degree, a BM in Music Education, which he felt was his "calling." His favorite thing about the music department was how everyone knew your name. "All of the professors know you and teach you how to form professional relationships," he said.

Ryan worked with high school marching band programs, played first assistant horn in the Florence Symphony Orchestra, and was involved in the university marching band and wind ensemble. He also marched in the Carolina Gold Drum and Bugle Corps, a very big deal in the marching band community. Ryan's favorite thing about UNCP was the relationships made with other people. He said that the people he met through Phi Mu Alpha, a musical fraternity here at UNCP, and the professors he has worked with will continue to be important to him after he graduates. He has also met music education majors from all over at conferences and said everyone in this community knows each other and is connected somehow. About being a senior, Ryan said, "Senior year is a lot of lasts. Last football game, last jury, it's a year of lasts. Take it all in, because once these things are over, that's it."



## ***Shannon Leah McKim***

Elementary Education

Hope Mills



## ***Jose Lopez McKinney***

Spanish

Charlotte



## ***Tyrone Robert McRae***

Criminal Justice

Raeford



## ***Shaunette Monroe Meekins***

Theater Arts

Rowland



***Chelsea Mitchell***

Social Work

Bladen

***Andy Wayne Moore***

Exercise and Sports Science

Cambridge, England



***Breyonia Vermell Moore***

Journalism

Laurinburg

***Jesenia Ann Morales***

Psychology

Fayetteville



**A**ndrea Dickens is delighted to be giving balloons away at Relay for Life.



**B**K Kassaw is congratulated on a job well done by another December graduate.

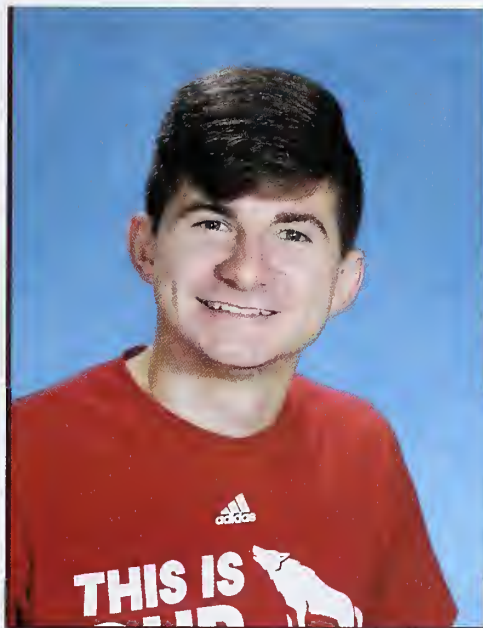




***Elizabeth Rose Moser***

Elementary Education

Conover



***Ethan Avery Nunn***

Sociology

Raeford



***Jae Joon Ch***

International Business

South Korea



***Kensely Daniell Oxendine***

Biology

Pembroke

## Melanie LaBeau

*interviewed by Katie Southard*



Melanie Renee LaBeau was from a military family; she was born in Mt. Home, ID, but raised in Detroit, MI, and later moved to Hampton, VA, where she lived for 15 years. Her close but small family consisted of her parents, a sister, and herself. Melanie was a first-generation college student. Her parents always encouraged her to go to school and it meant a lot to them that she did. A commuter who lived off campus in an apartment, she liked having her own kitchen and being close to campus. Melanie was a psychology major and a criminal justice minor. She really liked working as a hands-on research assistant in the psychology department on campus, and she was published on two posters at the APS Symposiums in 2014 and 2015. She worked two jobs on campus, as a GPAC tech assistant and an Oak

Hall desk worker. In her free time she liked to make jewelry. Someone who was a significant part of her time at UNCP was her boyfriend of three years, Chandler. "It's one of those since freshman year type stories," she said. "It's kinda cute." Since Melanie had never lived in North Carolina until she came to UNCP, the people were different to her and she was able to meet international students. The things she liked best about UNCP were the diversity and the quiet. When asked how she felt about being a senior she said, "I'm so ready to graduate," and that the time went by really quick. Melanie planned to apply to grad school at NC State and move to Raleigh after graduation.



# Ethan Avery Nunn

interviewed by Ben Noblitt



Ethan Avery Nunn is from Raeford, NC, where he has lived for 13 years. The town is very small and diverse. Ethan comes from a very supportive family, and his two siblings mean a lot to him. He is a family man; he would do anything for his family and even his friends. Ethan was never really involved in sports but he was involved in campus ministry and was also in the Honors College. He selected Sociology as his major; he just likes to study it and enjoys it. He lived on campus and said, "Living on campus is fun, but if you don't get involved and hang out with your friends then you will not enjoy the campus life; you have to enjoy every minute of it and keep up with your school work at the same time."

Teachers and his friends have made the most impact when it comes to him graduating. He loves how UNCP is so diverse, and he has learned a lot about new cultures. He loves the small classrooms and said he will really miss the community that is in Pembroke.

Ethan said being a senior was "unreal and amazing," and he is apprehensive about graduating and being off in the real world. When he graduates, he said grad school could be an option or he could go to Raleigh and find a job. His advice for incoming freshmen was, "Study hard and it will pay off later. You should create a community of friends, and get involved with the campus, and if you do, these will be the best years of your life."

## ***Dimitri Dae'Shawn Pabon***

Business Administration

Fayetteville



## ***Aliyah Eboney Nexiss Reid***

Elementary Education

Fayetteville

## ***Dana Florence Reijerkerk***

American Indian Studies

Raleigh



## ***Shuhui Ren***

Management

China







**T**his graduate smiles eagerly while receiving her diploma from Chancellor Cummings

**T**his student is thrilled to be taking part in the activities at Pembroke Day.



***Misty Grey Riley***

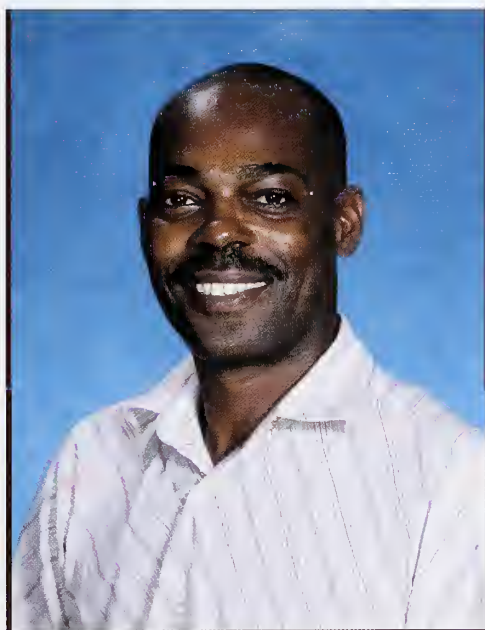
Social Work

Creedmoor

***Cathryn Michelle Rimes***

Political Science

Bladenboro



***Jay S. Ritchie***

GeoEnvironmental Studies

Salisbury

***Sir Cvynten D. Rivera***

Political Science

Palm Beach , FL



***Briana L. Roberts***

Chemistry  
Saint Pauls

***Brittany Roberts***

Exercise and Sports Science  
Laurinburg



***Hannah Danielle Roberts***

Social Work  
Rockingham

***Jacqueline Rogers***

Information Technology  
Shannon



**Aelisha Lee**

interviewed by Tayler Simison



Aelisha Ke'Andriana Lee, who also goes by Angel, is from Raleigh, NC. She has eight brothers and sisters, and they are very outgoing. As a first generation college student, she has become a very determined person. Angel commuted from Raleigh so she could be with her daughter. Angel majored in social work and hoped to be a licensed clinical social worker in the mental health field some day. She thought the social work program here was great, but it is a lot of work. Angel was active in the CASW, NAACP, and NCNW; aside from being in these clubs and working, she spent her time with her husband and daughter, receiving her support from her husband and her motivation from her daughter. Other than her family, she also has three close friends that are always there for her. She has met a lot of students from abroad who have become close friends, too. After spending time at Pembroke she loves the diversity here and will miss the excitement that she experienced every day. After graduation she would like to go to graduate school for her MSW; she had applied to programs in California and Massachusetts that are online so that she could be home more with her family. When asked if there was any part of senior year she was not prepared for, she said, "The underclassmen that think that it's hard now don't know what's coming. YOU JUST GOT HERE!" Angel's final advice to give was, "Be smart about your decisions."





***Christian Butler Ryckeley***

Chemistry

Tar Heel



***Ke'Suana Scott***

Health Promotion

Rocky Mount



***Reginald Scott***

Exercise and Sports Science

Wilson



***Abreyah Desiree Smith***

Public Relations

Asheville



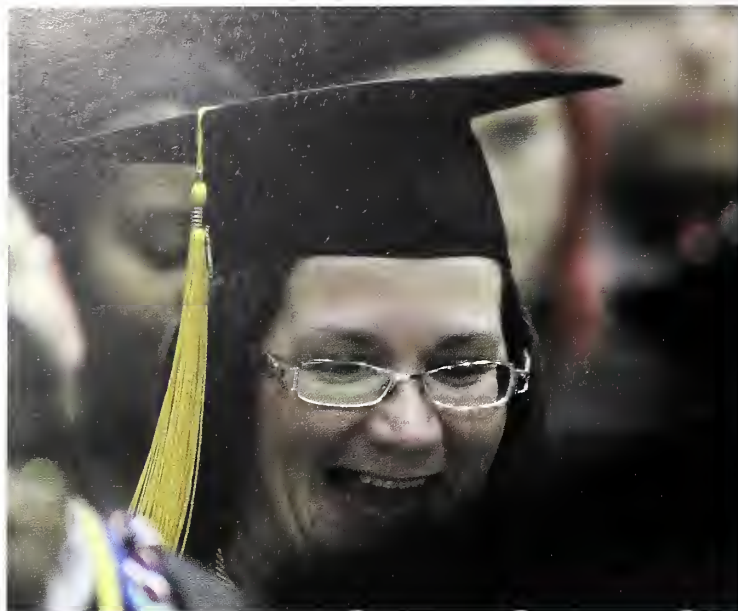
**A**nother December graduate is pleased to be receiving his diploma from the Chancellor.

**T**hese ladies enjoy a rest during a school-sponsored trip to Carowinds in July.



The graduate below smiles as she sits in the gym waiting for her turn to cross the stage.

The graduate on the right is proud to be receiving his hard-earned diploma.



**Brencee Smith**

Biology  
Charlotte

**Katelyn LeAnn Stanley**

Kindergarten Education  
Nakina



**Shane Samone Stanley**

Middle Grades Language Arts  
Laurinburg

**Matthew Austin Sutton**

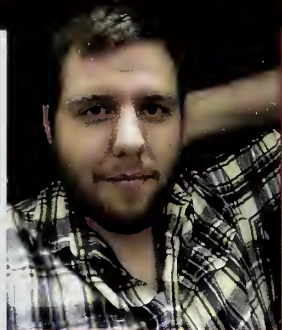
Sociology  
Morresville





# Jack Pevyhouse

interviewed by Marc Reid



Jackson Pevyhouse, known as Jack to his friends, was born and raised in Cary, NC. When asked to summarize Cary in three words, Jack replied, "Quiet, rich, suburbs." Jack majored in English because "Coming out of high school I knew I wasn't good at math and science but I loved reading and I enjoyed writing poetry." He said that his dream was to write poetry for a living. One of his professors, Dr. Karen Helgeson, inspired his dream: "Ever since the first time I was in her class, she has given me lots of great advice about the art of writing poetry." Jack was the editor-in-chief of the UNCP literary magazine, *The Aurochs*. Jack also had a job as writer for a podcast called "Jim Robbie and the Wanderers," and he was a member of the marching band. Although he's very busy he enjoys spending time with his best friends Stephen and Ash. He met Stephen at a play and Ash through Stephen. He will miss them the most when leaving because they've shared a long bond. When asked what advice he could give to freshmen, he said to enjoy and savor every moment because "It feels like a blur. You wake up and, boom, it's done. There were so many classes I had to take; I don't remember all of them, which is strange, but I remember the long nights they've kept me up." When asked what he would miss the most about Pembroke, he stated, "It's going to be weird to wake up and not have my friends around and not go to class. Hopefully I'll have a job to wake up to, but it's not going to be the same."



## ***Chantal Marie Szfronski***

GeoEnviromental Studies

Parkton



## ***Desiree Juanita Thomas***

Art

Charlotte



## ***Jacob Timothy Thompson***

Zoology

Zebulon



## ***Kara Rose Todd***

Art

Maxton



**Alexander Craig Umstead**

Exercise and Sports Science

Winston-Salem

**Gwyneth Tatiana Vargas**

Elementary Education

Lumberton



**Keanna Danielle Wall**

Health Promotion

Hamlet

**Yanan Wang**

Accounting

China

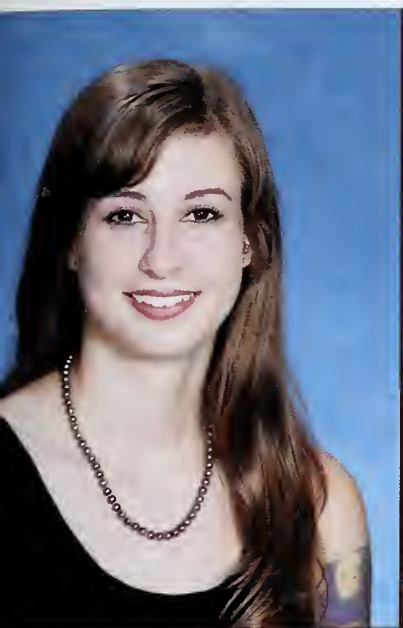


**M**egan Hillard is one of the graduating softball players honored on Senior Day in 2015.

**Z**ak Alsaidi and other December graduates feel victorious as wait in the auxiliary gym.







***Amanda Lee Watkins***

Social Work

Rockingham



***Alaina Kate Wenrich***

Accounting

Autryville



***Skylar Noelle Wilkes***

Social Work

Rockingham



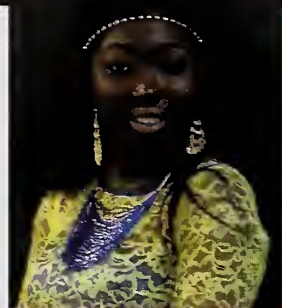
***Kenya Dirae Williams***

Social Work

Spring Hope

## Merveille M. Bopolo

interviewed by Katie Ayres



Merveille M. Bopolo (formerly Mapuku) was originally from Africa but has been living in Raleigh, NC, for about five to six years with her mom and two sisters. She said, "My sisters and I are like best friends. We talk every day. We are so close, we even dress alike." There was no doubt in Merveille's mind that she was coming to college. Her family always pushed her to do her best. Merveille's major was finance and management with a certificate in entrepreneurship. She chose finance because she has always wanted to work with a bank. She wants to be an effective leader one day. Along with maintaining a healthy relationship with her family, and working for outstanding grades, Merveille also had a job on campus, working as a cashier at the cafe for about fifteen to twenty hours per week. Merveille

also was involved in many extracurricular activities: Society of Human Resource Management treasurer, Residence Hall Association treasurer of Oak Hall, Student Government Association Senator, Certified Peer Educator, School of Business Student Advisory, Berea Campus Outreach Leadership, Chancellor's Ambassador, Enactus finance chair, and African Student Organization member. Being in all these organizations made her a well-rounded person and gave her skills that will later help her get a good job. These skills make her ready for the world. In her free time, she liked hanging with friends. In closing, she wanted to share two fun facts about herself: Merveille is a shopaholic and can speak French!



# Dana Reijerkerk

interviewed by Antonella Coppola



Dana Florence Reijkerk comes from Buffalo, NY, completely the opposite of Pembroke—it's fairly large and it snows very much. She enjoyed visiting whenever she could but also enjoyed staying here in her dorm in Pembroke. Dana's family of five included a younger sister who is 18 and an older brother who is 22. Dana is a second-generation student who knows how to speak five different languages. Her mother is Russian and her father is Dutch, so she is fluent in Dutch as well as English, and she also knows how to speak German, Spanish, and has studied Chinese. Dana loves to hang out with many of the international students, having an advantage in communicating with them and helping them because of her language knowledge. Korieana King is one of Dana's best friends and someone who has been very significant at her time at UNCP. Dana met Korieana in elementary Chinese class and she soon joined the Chinese club and is now the Vice President. She said, "Chinese Club and hanging out with the members is one of the many things I will miss after I graduate."

Dana majored in American Indian Studies, which was the specific reason why she came here to UNCP; she loves the faculty and the many things that her major offers. Dana enjoys learning about new cultures and plans on getting her master's degree in indigenous studies or Asian studies.

## **Kyler Jameel Williamson**

Social Work

Shelby

## **Terrence Mosley Zaleski**

Art

Jacksonville



## **Patricia Tedder Zoch**

Exercise and Sports Science

Fayetteville







***Teresa Brockington***

Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Hometown



***Pauline Hill Campbell***

Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Fairmont



***Alisha Locklear Monroe***

Art Education  
Robeson County



***Elliot Samuel JJJ***

Health and Physical Education  
Rockingham

## Andrew Burns



Andrew Johnston Burns, known to friends as Andy, is a graduate student originally from Wisconsin. He grew up in a very small town called Hartland until his parents moved to Madison a few years before he left Wisconsin. Madison is a friendly city full of great restaurants, bars, and shopping, and home to UW Madison. Andy also lived in a small mountain town in Japan called Yabu, teaching English there for a year before coming here to UNCP, where he commuted from Fayetteville. Andy was majoring in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages or TESOL. He chose it "because you can see a very real effect of your efforts on your students, unlike history, which is what I taught before. You are making a very real difference in your students' lives; you are helping them to express themselves." He also worked as a graduate assistant in both the English and Nursing departments. In his free time, Andy enjoyed reading both to learn new things and to relax. He also enjoyed sailing small boats, building furniture, and hiking. He has met several classmates here that he hopes to keep in contact with. "They are talented teachers," he said, "who have helped me to push myself to become a better teacher." These friends are all from different backgrounds from Andy, and he also interviewed some Chinese foreign exchange students for a class project. "All of these new people have made my experience at UNCP much more rich," he said. "It would be so dull if we were all from the same place."





Students walk to raise funds for a cure for cancer during Relay for Life in Spring 2015 (right), and freshmen walk towards the GPAC for Fall 2015 Convocation (below).



### The Junior Year

cultural events

examining class rings

field work

plunge into major courses

selling doughnuts

inductions into honoraries

hellos from former professors

retaking failed classes

dieting

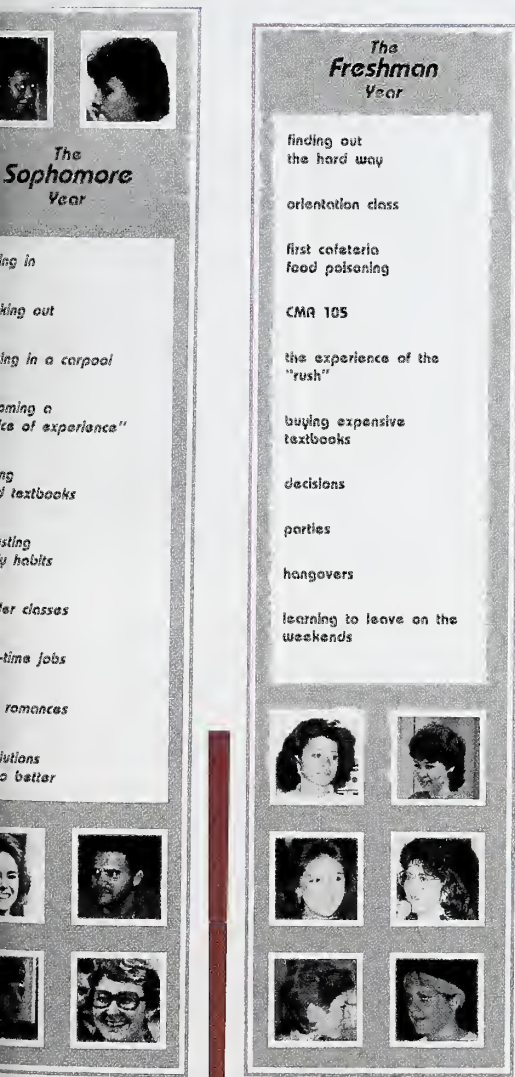
recycling papers







Students went through many changes and challenges during the three (or sometimes more) years they spent at UNCP before achieving senior status. The issues confronting underclassmen—as depicted in the lists from the People section of the 1985 *Indianhead* reproduced here—were not all that different in 2016. Juniors were still beginning to focus more on their major courses, sophomores adjusting to more challenging work, and freshmen sharing the experience of Composition class (now called ENG 1050 rather than CMA 105 as it was in 1985). Whatever their classification, they kept on moving toward their goals and adding their unique contributions to the UNCP community.



**JUNIORS**  
**SOPHOMORES**  
**FRESHMEN**



**T**hese ladies (below) are prepared for the warm weather as they stroll through campus in Fall 2015.



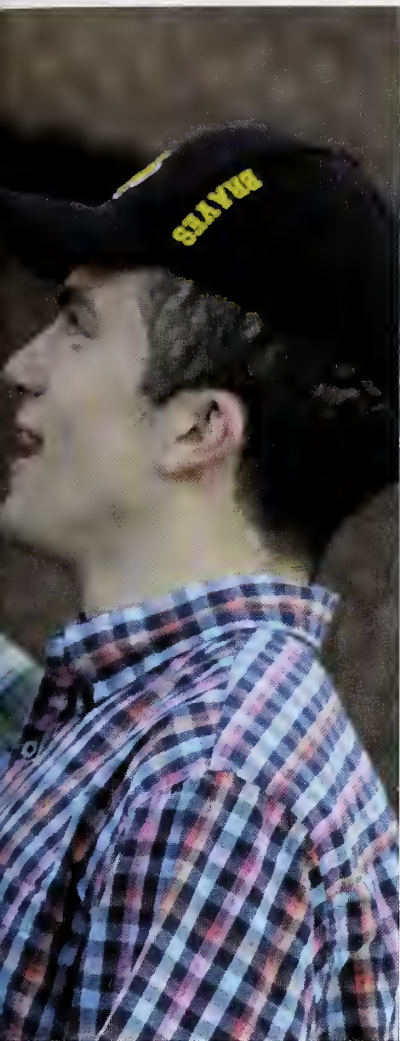
**Tenia Connie Baker**  
**Hilary Jane Beale**  
**Alexis Colette Benson-Wilson**



**Amanda Rose Bowman**  
**Bryanna Jakia Braithwaite**  
**Laura Helen Brown**







**J**ohn Ware and Brandon Tester (left) share a laugh outside the UC during a fundraising event for their fraternity.



**N**ygel Robinson (below) shares his memories of Deon Greene during a memorial service.



**Terence Brown**  
**Courtney Lanette Campbell**  
**Cristina Morvia' Clark**



**Virginia Nicole Clymore**  
**Shiffon Alexis Crump**  
**Mary Grace Curiale**



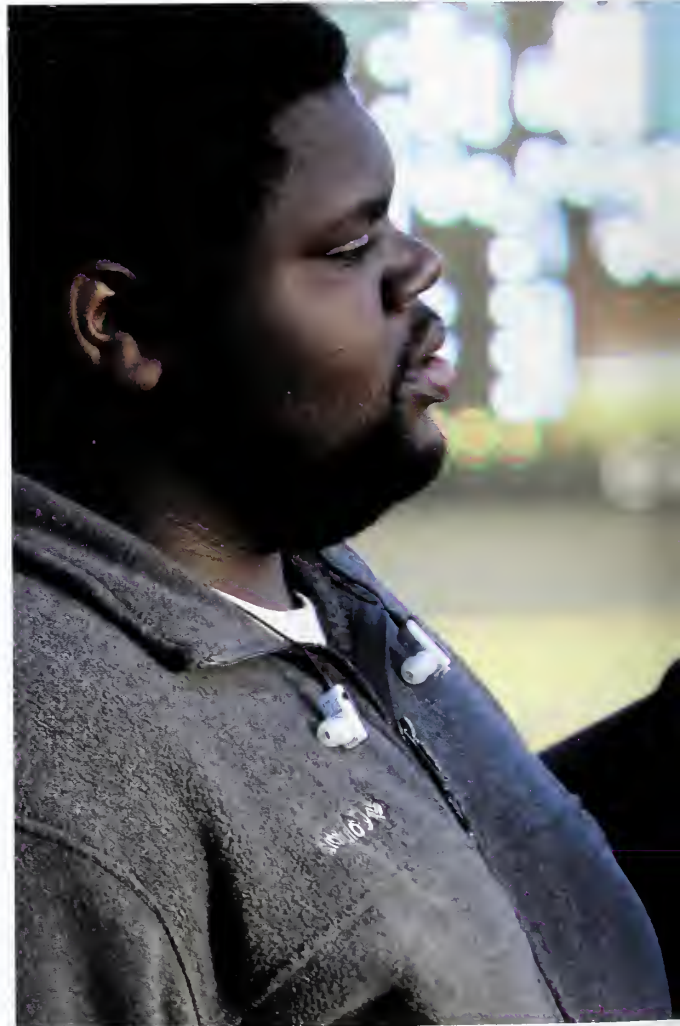
**Mengkun Dang**  
**Tiquandra Shouturah Ellison**  
**Zachary Doyle Freeman**



**Kimberly Gerala**  
**Tangie Harris**  
**Brittany Noel Hayes**



**D**orianna James and Brian Anthony Heller (above) portray Gertrude and Claudius in the Fall 2015 production of Shakespeare's Hamlet.







**DeAndra Senoj Jones**  
**Jasmine Newby**  
**Cecilia Nwosu**



**Benedict Oxendine**  
**Ina Mae Locklear Oxendine**  
**Hope Olivia Peddle**



**D**onte Harris and Brian Haskins (left) get together in front of the marquee on the UC lawn.

**T**his Lady Brave softball player (above) is excited to be helping out with freshman move-in.



**C**olor and movement add to the excitement of the Drag Show (below) in the UC Lounge.

**D**ylan Stocks gets a pie in face, to the amusement of Harrison Pegram (right), during a fundraising event.



**Isis Khadeejah Robinson**  
**Monica E. Sagastume-Ceron**  
**Jordan Faith Sharpe**



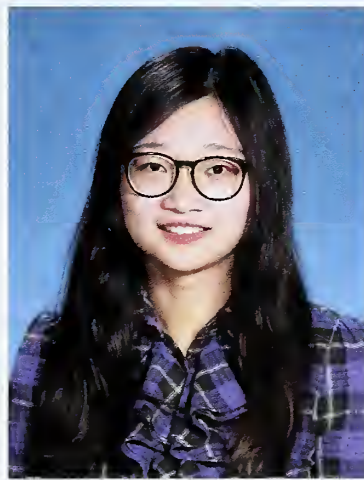
**Kaitlyn Nicole Thompson**  
**Joseph David Thornton**







**D**aria Bannerman (below) stops to chat while making her way through campus in Fall 2015.



**Raven Rachelle White**  
**Malik Worrells**  
**Chug Xu**



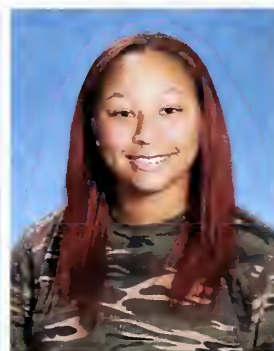
**George Petteway Yandie Jr**



*Sam Stewart (below) chats on his phone while skateboarding through campus.*



**Joshua Gavin Arnold**  
**Tiffany Bellamy**  
**Amelia Christina Brown**  
**David Linwood Brown III**



**Serina Burge**  
**Elia Lorene Chavez**  
**Amanda Chavis**  
**Cierra Chavis**







**T**hese ladies (left) enjoy each others' company and some fun in the sun during one of the Welcome Week activities in Fall 2015.



**T**his couple (below) goes all the way back to the 1950s for their outfits at the Decades Dance.



**Megan Brooke Chavis**  
**Sakile Cheltenham**  
**Erin Nicole Duprey**  
**Paula Janell Hanchar**



**Samuel O. Huggins**  
**Georgian Beatrice Kailondo**  
**Nicholas Kight**  
**Jianuo Li**



**Elizabeth Barnetta Locklear**  
**T'muaya Ladezjua McNeill**  
**Tori Medley**



**Adam Nicholas Peele**  
**Stephen Charles Porter III**  
**Daniel Gray Robertson**  
**Rianna Nicole Spann**



**G**ocart racing (above) is one of the activities students enjoyed during Welcome Week in Fall 2015.



**T**hese Kappa Delta sisters (right) are bowled over with enthusiasm during a fundraising event in the UC.





**Juaneisha L. Terry**  
**Seth Lawrence Tillman**  
**Jeison Valencia**



**Jiahong Wang**  
**Rebecca Owwafeyisayo Wey**  
**Carlisa Williams**  
**Jada La'Trice Williams**



**T**hese Kappa Alpha Psi brothers (above) check their messages while representing their fraternity at a Student Involvement Fair.

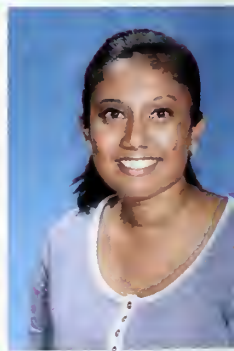


**T**hese students (below) relax and keep fit by doing yoga exercises on the UC lawn.

**T**hese freshmen (right) are proud to wear their Class of 2019 shirts as they get ready to march toward Fall Convocation.



**Kadijah Renee Agganie**  
**LaSondra Alexander**  
**Kaitlin Elizabeth Ayers**  
**Sadria Jasmine Bacchus**



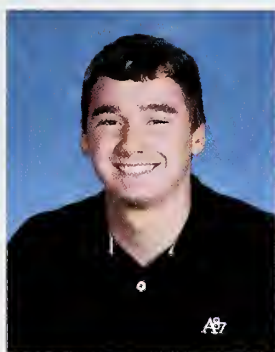
**Isaac Scott Bragg**  
**Tiara Monique Brantley**  
**Cora Lacinda Bright**  
**Katelyn Britt**







**B**randon Blakney and Josh Landon (below) are among the many returning students helping out with freshman move-in.



**Ajuana Chanell Bruno**  
**McKenley Byrd**  
**Mayghan Campbell**  
**Joshua Ryan Chan**



**Crystal Valene Chance**  
**Bethany Autumn Chavis**  
**John Peter Cordova**  
**John Ross Foster**



**Michael Author Gainey-Lane**  
**Braden James Daniel Golabek**  
**Olivia Guerra**  
**Timothy Jayvon Hinton**

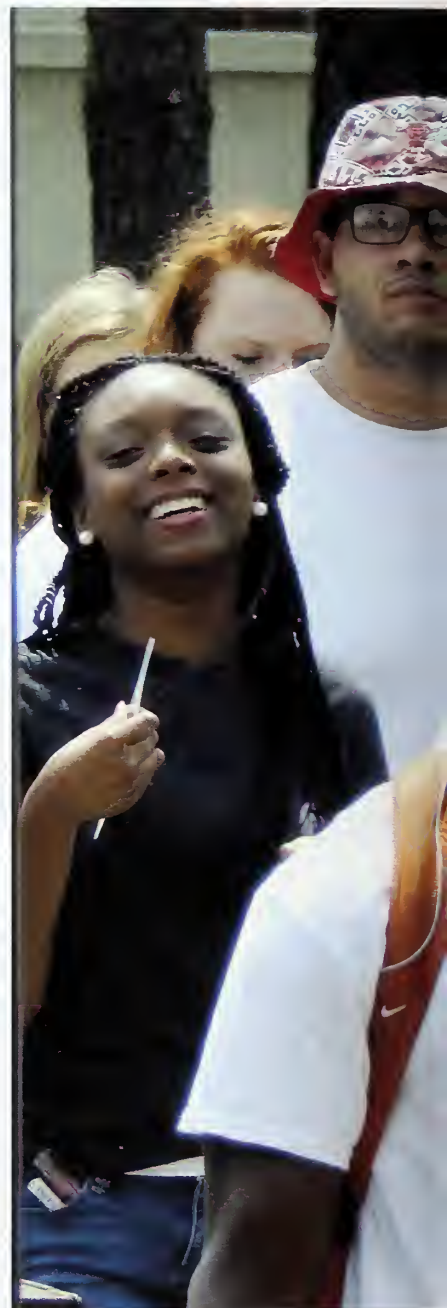


**Mathieu L. Horton**  
**Zaira Jimenez-Gonzalez**  
**DarNeshia Johnson**  
**Kimberly Lydia Johnson**

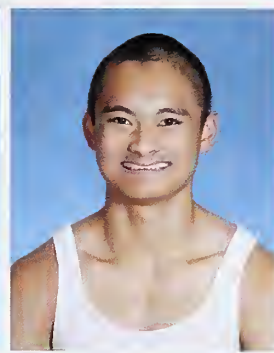


**T**his freshman (above) shares refreshment and conversation with other students during Welcome Week.

**T**hese freshmen (right) display a range of emotions as they march across the bridge toward Fall Convocation.







**Markia Mckaesha Johnson**  
**Brianna Marie Kelly**  
**Krista LeAnn Langley**  
**Brandon Dai Le**



**Jamonte Marquise Madison**  
**Ireland Abravia Massey**  
**Zachary McDoewll**  
**Grace Blondella McLean**



**F**ans and bottled water help freshmen (above) keep their cool on the way to Fall Convocation.



**J**enna Strader and Tabi Youngs (below) are helping freshman move in at the start of the Fall 2015 semester.



**Chamyria Fa'Tachia McNair**  
**Brittany Mitchell**  
**Deion Jakeem Pledger**  
**Jordan Isaiah Robinson**



**Matthew Ryan Sanchez**  
**Lea-Anna Michelle Santos**  
**Tyler Alexander Scott**  
**Brenden Patrick Sheard**





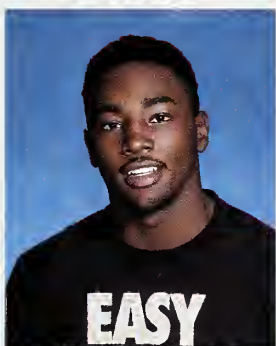


**M**ia Baxley (left) has fun trying on some of the costumes provided by the Theatre program during a Welcome Week activity.

**V**ictoria Felicetti (below) and other students help out during freshman move-in.



**Ashley Marie Smith**  
**Hunter Nicole Smith**  
**Isaiah Ramone Stanford**  
**Nicholas Tommy Stone**



**Samantha Sue Swaney**  
**James Thomas Vincent**  
**Adell Andrew Wilson Jr**  
**Doneisha Omega-Unique Wilson**



Chancellor and Mrs. Cummings greet incoming freshman during the start of Fall Convocation.

Chancellor Robin Cummings shows his support for students by helping out with freshman move-in during Fall 2015.



**Robin Gary Cummings**

Chancellor

**Zoe Locklear**

Provost and Vice Chancellor  
for Academic Affairs

**Wendy Lowery**

Vice Chancellor for Advancement



**Carlton Spellman**

Interim Vice Chancellor for Finance  
and Administration

**Lisa Lewis Schaeffer**

Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs







## Dr. Zoe Locklear

interviewed by Katelyn Stanley



Dr. Zoe Locklear, our new Provost, has deep ties to UNCP and the Pembroke community. Locklear grew up in Pembroke, graduating a year early from high school and enrolling at UNCP, which is special to her because its small campus gave her the opportunity to grow and learn leadership skills. As she attempted to choose between elementary education and psychology as her major, Dr. Jessie Lamb suggested that she volunteer at a workshop involving people with special needs. She fell in love and declared special education as her major. Graduating as a member of UNCP's first class of Special Education majors, she had two things to be very proud of: she was the first in her family to attend college, and she graduated a year early.

Dr. Locklear moved the afternoon of graduation and entered her first teaching position the next day. After teaching for a year, she resigned to pursue a goal set in her sophomore year at UNCP, earning a doctoral degree at Chapel Hill. She taught children with terminal illnesses for a few years near Chapel Hill and then moved back to UNCP as an assistant professor of education, heading the workshop she had volunteered at as a student and helping to start and run the B-K education program. She progressed from Director of Student Teaching to Chair to Dean to her current title of Provost. "I want to know I did everything I could to put us in the best position to be of service, to be servants to this part of NC," she said.



### ***R. Travis Bryant***

Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Safety and Emergency Operations



### ***Nancy Grouch***

Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Resources/CIO



### ***Cammie Hunt***

Associate Vice Chancellor for Engaged Outreach



### ***Elizabeth Normandy***

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Accreditation



### ***Melissa Schaub***

Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment



**D**r. John Labadie (below) and Dr. Jose D'Arruda (right) are among the faculty members celebrating Dr. Tulla Lightfoot's contributions to UNCP at her Fall 2015 retirement party.



**Irene Aiken**

Professor, Education

**Hannah Paige Baggot**

Lecturer, English

**Sara Taylor Boissonneau**

Lecturer, English



**Judith G. Curtis**

Associate Professor, Journalism

**Denise K. Feikema**

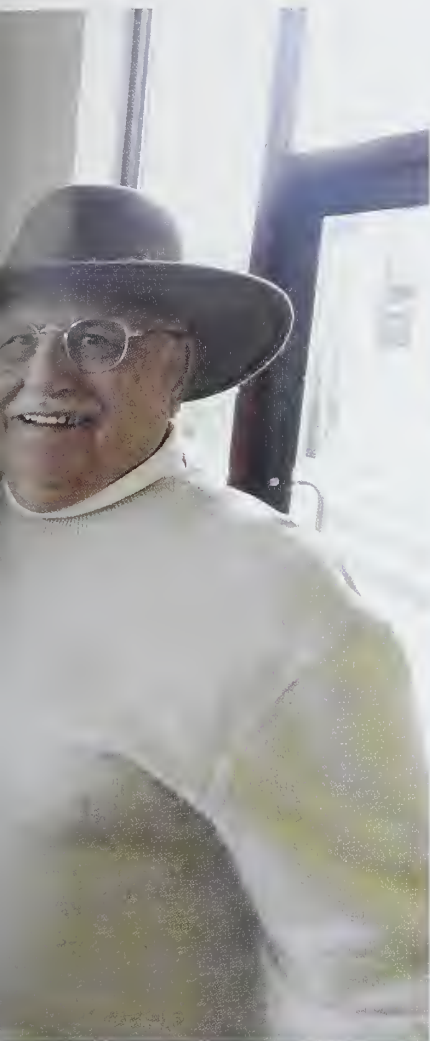
Assistant Professor, English

**James R. Frederick**

Associate Professor, Economics  
and Decision Science







**D**r. Stephen Bukowy (below) speaks to Dr. Tulla Lightfoot at her Fall 2015 retirement party.



**Lydia Gan**

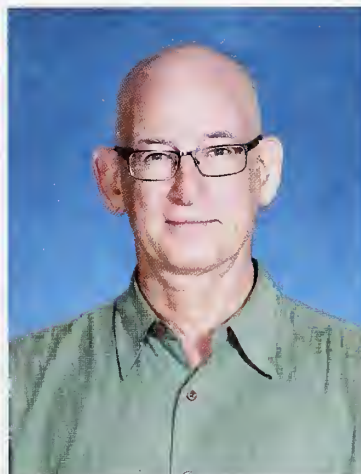
Chair, Economics and Decision Science

**Virginia Louise Garnett**

Lecturer, English

**George Steven Hedgpeth, Jr.**

Lecturer, English



**Thomas Carroll Heffernan**

Lecturer, English

**Charles R. Jenkins**

Clinical Professor, Educational Leadership

**Walter Ervin Lewallen**

Lecturer, English



**Vuanyuan Lin**

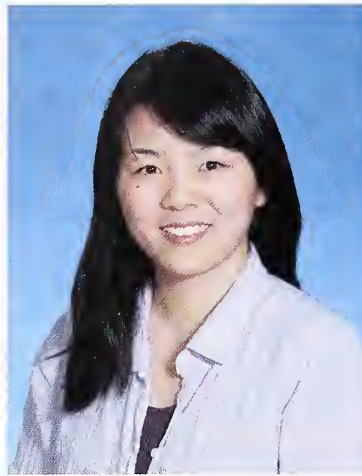
Lecturer, Foreign Languages

**Robert Stephen McDonnell**

Lecturer, Sociology and Criminal  
Justice

**David Henry Nikkel**

Chair, Philosophy and Religion



**Sara Oswald**

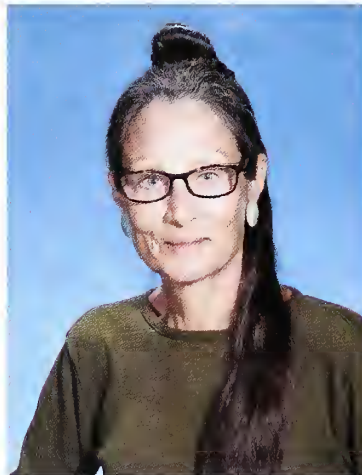
Senior Lecturer, English/Mass  
Communication

**Sara Coble Simmons**

Associate Professor, Educational  
Leadership

**Pattie T. Dees**

Housekeeping Manager, Facilities



**S**panish professors Cecilia Lara, Emily Tobey, and Milagros Lopes-Fred join students and others at a candlelight service (above) and memorial (right) for Deon Greene, a Spanish major who passed away in a drowning accident while studying aboard in Costa Rica in September 2015.





**Joye Summers Gibson**

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ETFL

**Janet Graham**

Library Technician, Library

**Wanda Oxendine Hunt**

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DoIT



**Qi Liu**

Asian Program Coordinator, Interna-  
tional Programs

**Pecouse S. Lucas**

Administrative Support Associate,  
COP

**Christopher Scott**

HVAC Technician, Facilities



## In Memoriam

The yearbook staff joins the entire University community in mourning the loss of the following members of our UNCP family during 2015-2016.

### Students

Keena Danielle Cain  
Deon Greene  
Doris Paul

### Staff

Panthie Oxendine, Housekeeping

### Alumni

Kevin Berotte  
Ruth Revels



*Our long history is something we take much pride in. During all the changes this school has gone through, both good and bad, we have remained proud of our school.*

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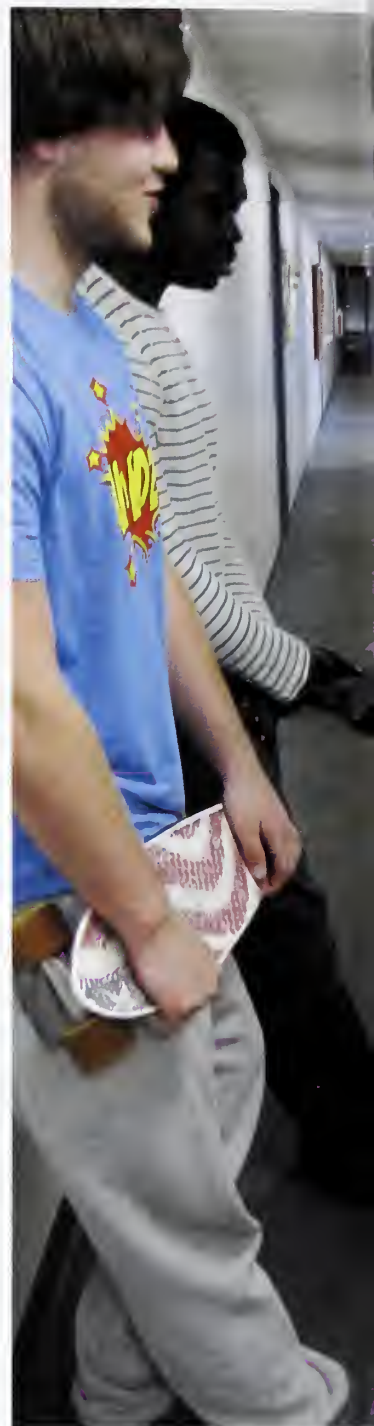
*We would like to give special thanks to the 1985 yearbook editors and staff for their hard work on their book, which was essential to the making of this book and was a very valuable resource.*



# Return from the Future

**W**hen will this yearbook look as old as the pictures from the 1985 yearbook do? Throughout this book we have seen just how far we have come as a school in the past 31 years. The number of students, buildings, programs, opportunities, and more have all increased, as well as the number of treasured memories.

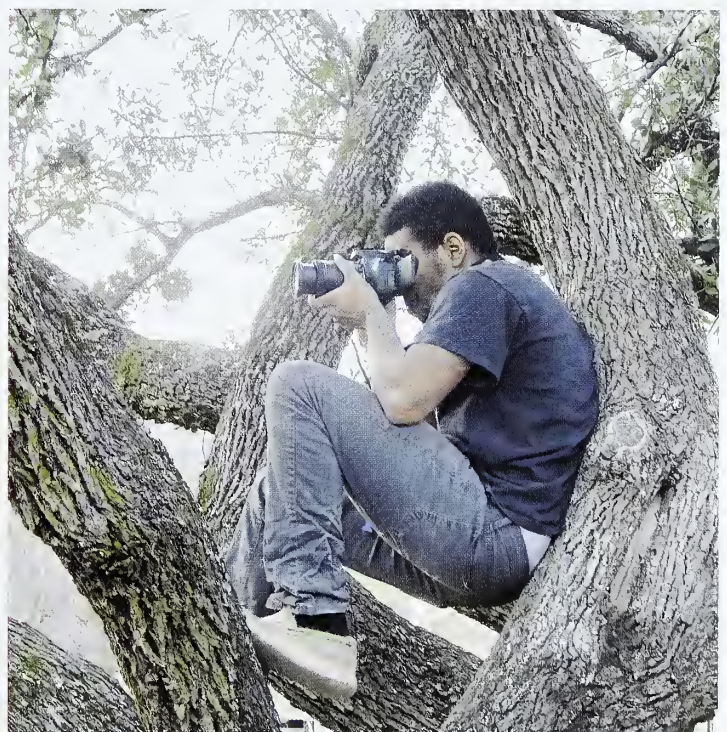
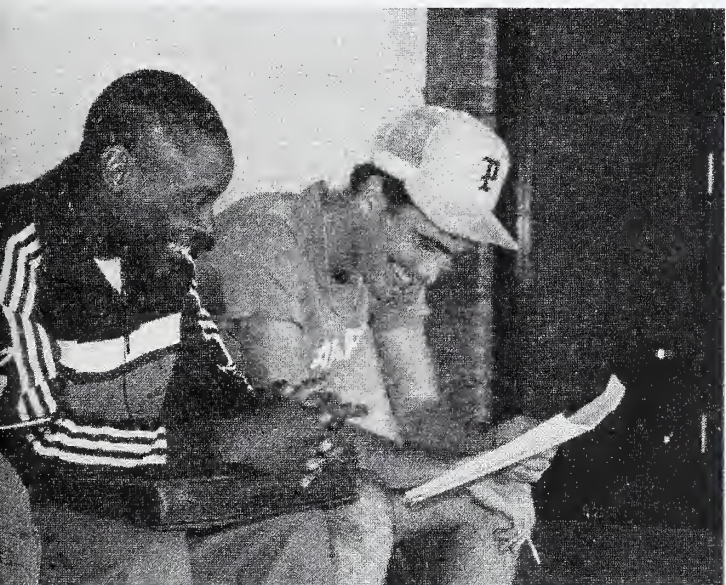
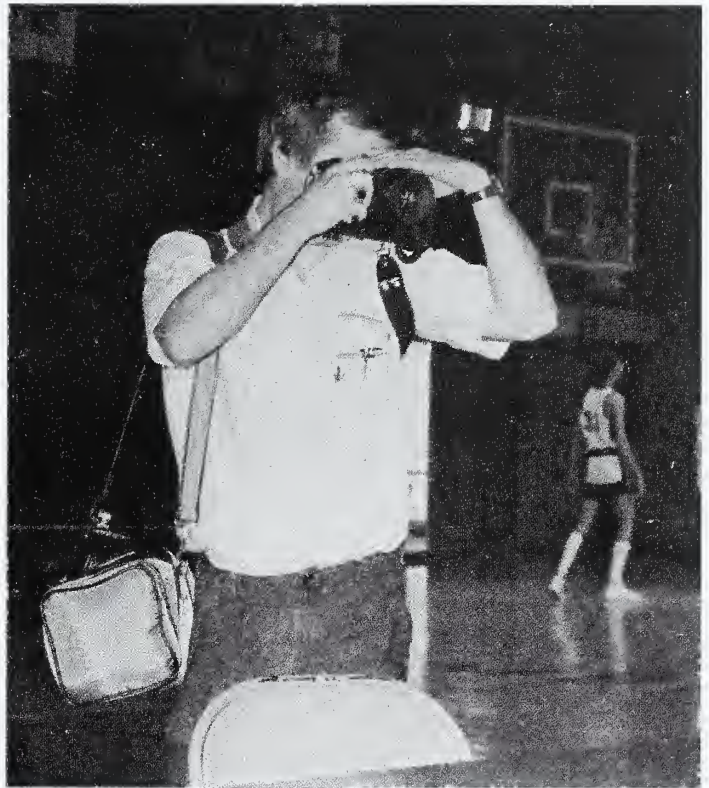
Our little travel through time featured in this yearbook has come to an end. We do not have the flying cars, self-tying shoes, or other things featured in *Back to the Future 2*. Whatever the future may have in store for us, may we always have our fond memories of UNCP to be found in this yearbook.







**Y**earbook photographer Ricky McLamb (below) takes a photo during Media Day 1985; below that, adventurous 2016 yearbook photographer Manny Henderson takes candid of students in the Quad from a tree.



**T**hree students in 1985 (left) and three students in 2016 (above them) hang out while waiting for class





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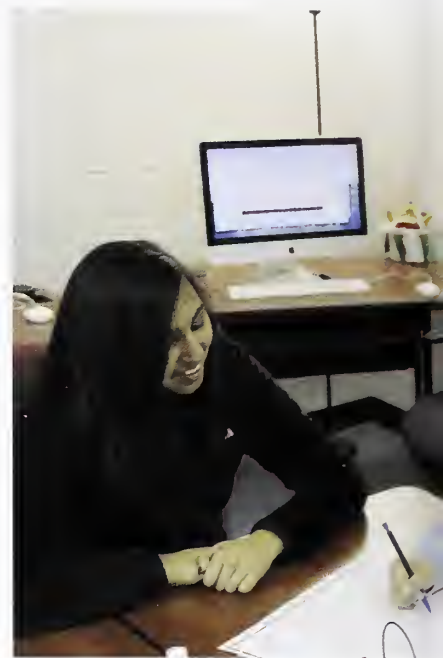
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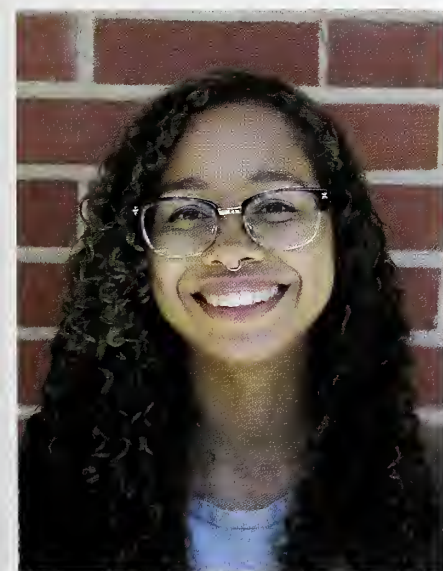
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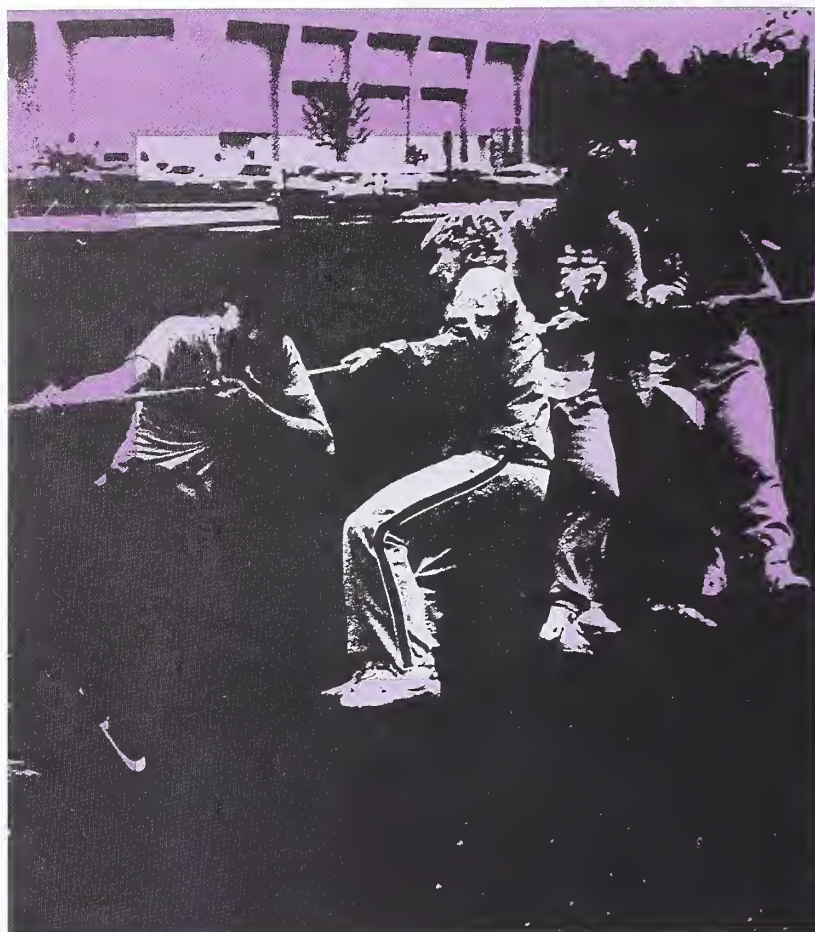
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